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Tim Stephenson photo

Shoppers at the Granite City Wal-Mart crowded the store Friday morning. The day after Thanksgiving is always the busiest shopping day of the year.

Shopping season is here

Friday marks the start of the 28-day countdown

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Driving around the parking lot at Wal-Mart Friday morning one could see that holiday shopping was well underway. Cars were lined side by side, down each roll as shoppers hurried into the store. "It's that time of year," said Michelle Ballmann of Granite City. "I have presents to buy for my daughter and a whole lot of shopping to do for my husband. I'm starting here today." She was one of hundreds of busy bodies prancing through the aisles, eagerly looking for a variety of gifts. In the toy section, easily the busiest shopping area,

"Don't worry. Be happy and patient because this shopping thing is going to get crazier and crazier."

Rebecca Pates
Shopper

Carolyn Mist and Tracy Wildermer of Mitchell were searching feverishly for a toy or two. "I have a few things on my list," Wildermer said. "My kids are infatuated with this wrestling craze and the Pokemon cards. I guess they

would like these types of things for Christmas." Mist, who has a 6-year-old daughter, said Barbie dolls were her No. 1 priority. "Every year it's Barbie. I hope they have a Millennium Barbie or something comparable. She really loves playing with the dolls," Mist said. "The men's section was another area inundated with shoppers. Sweaters, shirts and jackets seemed to be the most popular selections. "I'm shopping for myself today," said Bill Spheres of Granite City, who had several brightly colored sweaters in his cart. "Most of the stuff I buy will help me get through the winter and they'll be comforting

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McKinley Bridge toll runners could face increased fines

Venice council asks for additional enforcement presence

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Toll runners on the McKinley Bridge could face fines far exceeding the 50 cent toll.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Venice City Council approved Venice City Attorney Casper Nighohossian draw up a revision to city ordinances increasing the minimum fine for toll running to \$100 from the present \$50 and also to allow elected city officials to

sign complaints against toll jumpers they see.

The Council also requested increased enforcement at the bridge, with one alderman saying the ticket revenue could pay for another officer.

Toll running at the bridge - already in a dire financial situation because of needed repairs, lower ridership and back taxes owed to the city of St. Louis - has prompted officials with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the recently-formed McKinley Bridge task force to ask

Venice to deal with the toll problem. Officials estimate that toll running costs the city more than \$100,000 per year.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said higher fines were needed to make extreme examples of those who fail to pay the 50 cent toll.

Nighohossian said that in the past, when they have prosecuted toll runners, the average fine for an untested case is \$75.

Echols said he would like to put people in jail, but was

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Center shuts down

Phoenix Crisis closes due to lack of funding

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

After 15 years of assisting domestic violence victims,

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the Phoenix Crisis Center in last week.

"We hope and pray that the cessation of residential services is temporary," said The Rev. James Hahs, president of the shelter's board of directors. "This agency must become financially viable before we consider reopening

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Rev. James Hahs
President, shelter board

our shelter. The board has determined that no one is served well when our financial house is in disarray." The shelter closed Nov.

18, after the board met earlier in the week to review its options. Despite the relocation of three shelter residents and five social workers being laid off, the shelter will continue to provide counseling, referral services and assist with general information under the direction of Carolyn Burden, the shelter's executive director. According to Hahs, the shelter closed because of lack of funding to keep it operational for the remainder of the year. Hahs said

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Dog allowed to stay

Council: Pit bull can stay with owners for now

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

The pit bull deemed vicious by the city last week will remain with its owners

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for now. "Things will be as they are, unless there's a violation or a problem with the dog," City Inspector Dean Ruebhausen said.

"It's only a matter of time before it attacks another dog or a child."

Ilene Dawdy
Concerned citizen

The dog in question is named Sarge, a 100-pound

pit bull that fled from a residence in the 2900 block of Edgewood Nov. 15, strayed into a yard at 3000 Edgewood and attacked a 38-pound mixed breed named Joe. Joe required three hours of surgery to have his front legs repaired, which were ripped open as he was chained to a tree. "He's not doing too well. If the vet says his legs have to

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Ulione named new manager

Former Rams VP of sales takes GM spot

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

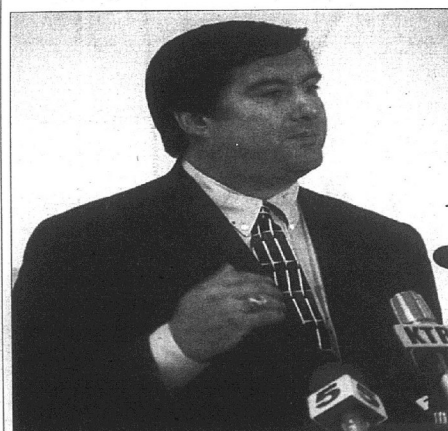
A marketing executive with extensive knowledge of the St. Louis sports scene has been named general manager of Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

Brian Ulione, who spent the past four years as vice president of sales for the St. Louis Rams, has been named as the replacement for Rod Wolter, who was recently promoted to vice president of construction/development for three Midwestern motor sports parks owned by Dover Downs.

Ulione, who calls himself a casual motorsports fan, said his first priority is to learn the business.

"In some ways it seems sort of funny," he said, "I'm in charge because I'm a good manager, not because

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Tim Stephenson photo

Brian Ulione was named as the new general manager of Gateway International Raceway.



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MADD to turn up heat against drunk drivers

Illinois gets good marks on report card

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

In an effort to reduce that grim reality Mothers Against Drunk Driving is turning up the heat to pressure states into working harder to combat drunk driving.

A national report card put out last week by MADD ranked the state of Illinois fifth in efforts to fight the problem. Illinois received a B-plus.

The only states ranking higher on the list were California, Florida, North Carolina and Utah. Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota received the lowest marks. The U.S. as a whole was given a C-plus.

Illinois is one of 17 states that has passed the lower .08 blood alcohol content legislation supported by MADD.

Last year, according to a report from MADD, there were 15,935 people killed and nearly 900,000 people injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. That's an average of one person killed every 33 minutes and one injured every 30 seconds.

Traffic accidents are highest over the

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Karolyn Nunnallee
MADD National President

Thanksgiving holiday weekend and many of them are due to drinking and driving.

On average, 44 Americans are killed daily in alcohol-related highway crashes, according to the report. But in the past, several Thanksgiving weekends averaged 64 DUI deaths.

MADD, along with the GuideOne Foundation, graded the states on efforts to combat what they called "the most frequently committed violent crime-drunk driving."

"The war on drunk driving has reached a complacent plateau characterized by many indifferent government leaders, strained law enforcement efforts and a dangerous public perception that the fight against drunk driving has been won," said MADD National President Karolyn Nunnallee.

MADD has a goal to reduce alcohol-related traffic deaths to no more than 11,000 by 2005. Nunnallee said if the current trend continues the nation will fall far short of that goal.

The national report card graded the states and the nation on alcohol-related fatality trends and passage of key legislation. It also considered concerns like law enforcement, youth and victim issues, political leadership and criminal sanctions.

The top three legislative issues for MADD are the .08 blood alcohol content, administrative license revocation and primary enforcement of seat belt laws.

Kathy Morton, president and victim advocate for MADD, St. Clair County,

was pleased with the news of Illinois' good report card. "I feel it's well deserved," Morton said.

She said it's community support and interest that has helped Illinois to advance. "My phone calls are now overwhelming with people calling in to report people driving on a revoked license. But we're not law enforcement—they need to set up some sort of hotline."

Morton said the state of Illinois still needs to improve, especially in the area of legislation.

"You just can't do enough to stop drunk driving," she said. "It's too cheap a drug to buy. What's frustrating is that the court system doesn't look at alcohol as a drug. They're really hitting the drug dealers hard, but the drunks they just let them off."

"Point-on-eight is great, but the courts just are not serious when it comes to drunk driving issues. I know the alcohol industry comes against MADD when we're trying to pass legislation. Morton has her own top priority for new legislation she would like to see in Illinois.

"Any time there's an accident with a fatality or a serious injury, they should have to have a blood alcohol test," she said. "It's like it's a big joke to them."

According to the report by MADD, the U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that only one of every 1,000 drunk driving incidents results in an arrest. And the FBI statistics show that there were 1.4 million DUI arrests last year.

Morton said the local MADD organizations are working to inform the public of the need for better legislation. And she's also planning to put more pressure on local law enforcement.

Sommer named Chef of the Millennium

St. Louis Chef de Quisine association honors BAC instructor with award

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Ollie Sommer is getting at least one more award before the end of the century, and it is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The St. Louis Chef de Quisine Association recently named Sommer, chef-instructor in Belleville Area College's hospitality/food service management program, Chef of the Millennium.

In more than 50 years as a chef and seven as an instructor at BAC, Sommer has had his share of honors. One of a handful of certified executive chefs in the St. Louis area, last year, he was inducted into the American Academy of Chef's Hall of Fame, and was at one time rated as one of the 100 best chefs in the world.

He said the latest award is "awesome."

"I love it," he said. Sommer began his formal training in the U.S. Navy during World War II, eventually joining the staff of Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Sommer has worked as both an executive chef and caterer, most recently as the executive chef for Emerson Electric before joining the BAC staff.

Passing on his expertise is something that Sommer said is very important to him. "At the time I was coming up, the only source of knowledge we had was the chef, and most of the chefs at that time were European-trained," he said. "Being in a strange country, they were very insecure and were very reluctant to pass on their secrets and culinary skills."

"It was at that time I made up my mind that if I ever got to the point that I could, I would like to share my knowledge with the young people."

Last week, he was helping students in the program's food prep 1 class prepare 300 pies for Thanksgiving.

BAC's program is accredited by the American Culinary Federation Educational Institute, the only one in Southern Illinois and Missouri.

"A lot of these people had no exposure to the kitchen

"The future of the chef today in America is tremendous. There is more demand than we can supply."

Ollie Sommer
Chef of the Millennium

before they came here," he said. At the end of their two-year program, they will be able to go on with their education or work in restaurants at any level.

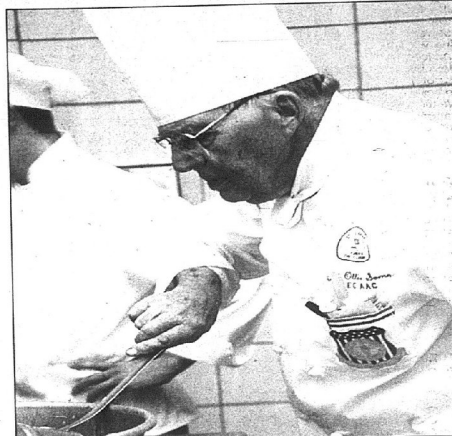
Sommer said most go to work in restaurants and about two from each class continue their education.

One of the major reasons most don't continue is the astronomical cost of four-year chef programs.

He said one student was interested in studying pastry and chocolates at the French Culinary Alliance in Chicago at a cost of about \$120,000. Other advanced programs can range up to \$30,000 for two years.

However, he said his students have picked an excellent field to go into.

"The future of the chef



today in America is tremendous. There is more demand than we can supply. We probably get 15 calls a week."

Because of that, training is very important.

"Whenever you send a student out on a job and he can't do the job, it reflects on you," he said. "Being the chef of the millennium I can't have it reflect on me."

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Births

Lillie Wade

DWIGHT AND REBELL WADE II of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Lillie Makenna Wade was born at 7:04 p.m. July 21, 1999, at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins Dwight. Her maternal grandparents are Scooter and Jane Jackson of Jerseyville and Bobby and Sandra Whittington of Koinize, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Duke and Sue Wade of Granite City and John and Louise Sims of Collinsville.

Spencer Gray

JEFF AND LISA GRAY of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Spencer Jeffrey Gray was born at 9:19 p.m. Sept. 22, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds and joins Hannah. Her maternal grandmother is Glenda Mitchell of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Marie Gray of Granite City.

Gregory Marti Jr.

GREGORY AND ANGELA MARTI

of Granite City have announced the birth of their son.

Gregory Brian Marti Jr. was born at 9:18 a.m. Sept. 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and joins Brittany Ward and Morgan Marti. His maternal grandparents are Joe Buckingham and Sandra Rowen, both of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Melissa Marti of Granite City.

Cole Proffitt

TONI AND KERI PROFFITT of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Cole Andrew Proffitt was born at 9:40 a.m. Sept. 28, 1999, at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins Brooke. His maternal grandparents are Gary and Connie Holtkamp of Edwardsville. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Pat Proffitt of Granite City.

Caitlyn Puhse

WILLIAM AND GINA PUHSE of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Caitlyn Bonnie Puhse was born at 2:31 p.m. Sept. 30, 1999, at

Christian Hospital Northwest in St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are Roger Shemwell and Judy Dockery of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are William and Rosemary Puhse of Granite City.

Adriel Rutter

JASON RUTTER AND MISHA HARRIS of Granite City have announced the birth of their daughter. Adriel Elizabeth Rutter was born at 6:51 a.m. Oct. 2, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and joins Cheyenne. Her maternal grandmother is Ramona Harris of Piedmont, Mo. Paternal grandmother is Shellie Kirk of Granite City.

Chancellor Burgener

ROBERT AND BRENDA BURGNER of Granite City have announced the birth of their son. Chancellor Lee Burgener was born at 3:06 a.m. Oct. 7, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and joins Ronald Yates. His maternal grandparents are Ronald and Julie Yates of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Casper Burgener Sr. of Littleton, Colo., and Patti Shands of Granite City.

Marissa Hook

JONATHAN AND SHARON HOOK of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Marissa Ellen Hook was born at 8:04 p.m. Oct. 11, 1999, at St.

Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and joins Alyssa. Her maternal grandmother is Nora Jones of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Eli and Joyce Hook of Granite City.

Dina Beavin

JOSHUA BEAVIN AND AMY BROOKS of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Dina Michelle Beavin was born at 10:11 a.m. Oct. 14, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and joins Zachary. Her maternal grandparents are Mike Brooks and Dina Lance of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Janice Bone of Granite City.

Anthony Walker Jr.

ANTHONY AND ADA WALKER of Madison have announced the birth of their fourth child, a son. Anthony Walker Jr. was born at 1:18 p.m. Oct. 15, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and joins Deron, Gerra and Alesha. His maternal grandmother is Gailie Webb of Madison. Paternal grandparents are Andrew and Annie Walker of East St. Louis.

Aniyah Forrest

ANDREW FORREST AND LA QUITA WATT of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Aniyah Karissa Forrest was born at 2 p.m. Oct. 19, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds. Her maternal grandparents are

Bryant Campbell and Felicia Watt of Madison. Paternal grandparents are Andrew K. Forrest Sr. of East St. Louis and Evelyn Cole of Philadelphia, Penn.

Justin Niles

DANIEL AND RHONDA NILES of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Justin Scott Niles was born at 9:25 a.m. Oct. 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and joins Dylan. Her maternal grandparents are Jack Orwig and Sharon Hogan of Bartleso. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Patricia Niles of Granite City.

Savannah Holthaus

MICHAEL AND SABRINA HOLTHAUS of Granite City have announced the birth of their daughter. Savannah Rose Holthaus was born at 8:08 a.m. Oct. 25, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and joins Michael, Nick and Michelle. Her maternal grandparents are Marlene and Lillis Paul of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Erwin and Rosemary Holthaus of St. Louis County, Mo.

Sharnice Latham

SHARONA LATHAM of Madison has announced the birth of her daughter. Sharnice Noral Latham was born at 8:16 a.m. Oct. 28, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are

Dennis and Sharon Latham of Madison.

Ryan McNaughton

JASON MC NAUGHTON AND RACHEL MURPHY of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Ryan David McNaughton was born at 6:46 p.m. Nov. 5, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. His maternal grandparents are Dennis Schuonen and Audrey Murphy of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Lisa McNaughton Jr. of Granite City.

Emma Tadlock

GARY AND ANDREA TADLOCK of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Emma Lynn Tadlock was born at 8:25 p.m. Nov. 5, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Her maternal grandparents are Wade and Debbie Dillard of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Joyce Tadlock Sr. of Granite City.

Nolan Dahncke

MARC AND TIFFANY DAHNCKE of Vienna have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Nolan Thomas Dahncke was born at 6:35 p.m. Nov. 6, 1999, at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. He weighed 8 pounds and joins Christian. His maternal grandparents are James and Peggy Pryor of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Maurice and Marietta Dahncke of Nashville.

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Archbishop to visit St. Gregory Church

Archbishop Oshagan will visit St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church, 1014 West Pontoon Road, Granite City, to help the congregation celebrate its 45th anniversary. The church will also celebrate the feast of Sts.

Thaddeus and Bartholomew.

On Dec. 5, Oshagan will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a dinner and program to follow.

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Lawmakers go overboard on gun proposals

There is no reason to believe more laws will reduce violence in U.S.

By Doug Bandow

We live in an age of irony. Media saturation following events like the murders at Columbine High School makes it appear that violence surrounds us. Yet the crime rate has been falling and school shootings remain extremely rare. In contrast, the serious violence that pervades some inner-city schools never makes the news.

Moreover, tragedies like the Columbine shootings almost always launch a spate of counterproductive policy initiatives — such as gun control.

Although inadequate morals rather than inadequate laws led to the Columbine murders, activist, interest groups and politicians immediately latched off their old proposals to launch anew.

The temptation to ban firearms is understandable. Anything seems reasonable in an attempt to save even a few people who die by bullets every year.

Civil libertarian Don Kates points out that the number of firearms almost doubled between 1975 and 1992, while the murder rate fell.

The facts, he observes, are "completely inconsistent with the shibboleth that doubling the number of guns, especially handgun guns, would increase homicide rates."

Anyway, it is too late to try to disarm a society where 240 million guns are in private hands. Only the exceedingly law-abiding and extremely docile would give up their weapons. Thus, only totalitarian controls could eliminate private gun ownership. And even police-state measures wouldn't be enough. Otherwise there would be no illicit drug trade today.

Using guns for self-defense is even more important.

There is no more fundamental right, especially in a world in which the police offer only imperfect protection, at best, John R. Lott Jr., formerly of the University of Chicago, figures that guns are used five times as often to prevent as to commit crimes.

Nor should one desire a world in which only state officials possess weapons.

Although a standing army has replaced the militia as America's main defense against foreign foes, the nation's founders rightly distrusted giving government a monopoly on deadly force.

Columbine led to a new campaign to regulate firearms. Proposals included background checks at gun show, trigger

Sportsmen
Sparingly misuse their weapons; those who don't should not be punished for the sins of the few who do.

locks, limits on the number of guns that can be purchased, a ban on concealable firearms and increasing the legal age to buy firearms.

Even some past critics of gun control have flipped in the face of the public relations onslaught.

This sophisticated campaign has been run as if guns were getting easier to buy.

To the contrary, argues Lott, "Gun availability has never been as restricted as is now."

As recently as 30 years ago there were few restrictions on gun ownership, even by juveniles. Since then, the number of words in federal gun laws has quadrupled and state and local regulations have mushroomed.

It is hard to find any evidence that this growing body of rules has had any impact on crime.

There is no reason to believe that the plethora of new proposals would have any better effect. Indeed, none would have stopped the Columbine massacre. As Lott points out, the killers "violated at least 17 state and federal weapons-control laws."

A couple more on the books would have made no difference. But new rules could make crime more likely by disarming potential victims and "citizen cops."

Research by Lott suggests that allowing people to carry concealed weapons lowers the violent crime rate.

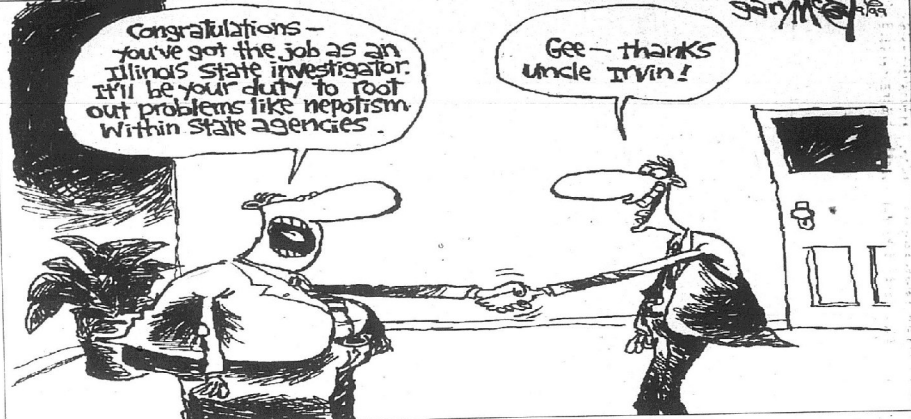
Indeed, private individuals with guns ended two recent school shootings.

The strongest response to gun crimes is to punish the criminal. Use of a firearm should automatically increase the sentence. Those who knowingly sell guns to criminals or juveniles should be likewise punished.

Legislators should pass before passing any new gun control measures.

Tragedies like Columbine too often trigger policymaking by emotion. In this case, seeking to "just do something" is worse than doing nothing. It is likely to make us all less safe.

Opinions



Reformers take aim at death penalty

By Aaron Chambers

Illinois' death penalty has seen better years than 1999.

Three men were acquitted or exonerated this year after being sentenced to death, bringing to 12 the number of men that walked off death row since the state re-instated the death penalty in 1977. That's the same number of men the state has executed, and the worst track record in the nation. "Prosecutorial misconduct" — when prosecutors ignore or break the law to win convictions — and "ineffective assistance of counsel" — when defense attorneys give inadequate representation — became two of the media's favorite catch phrases.

Anti-death penalty groups shifted to high gear. New groups, which seemed to pop up all over the state, pointed to the 12 men freed as evidence that the state needs a "moratorium" on the death penalty. They championed the cause of inmates still on death row who claim they are innocent.

By the end of the spring legislative session, lawmakers passed and Gov. George Ryan approved a new law giving an extra \$20 million per year to attorneys handling capital cases. The law, effective Jan. 1, is geared to let prosecutors and defense attorneys hire more investigators, expert witnesses and the like to buttress their cases.

By late spring, it seemed no state agency or related group had missed the bandwagon to reform the death penalty. But in March, the state Supreme Court made a novel observation: If real change was to be made, it would need to be implemented with Supreme Court rules which govern the conduct of attorneys and much of the processes for capital cases.

The high court appointed the Special Committee on Capital Cases with 17 judges looking at the "trial and sentencing processes in capital cases in Illinois."

Although last to start its work, the committee was the first to return its proposals on Oct. 28. While it hasn't been made public, the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, exclusively, obtained a copy. The committee recommended vast changes to the administration of the death penalty, from creating standards for all counsel in capital cases to enhanced discovery (the exchange of information between parties in a case).

The committee's holistic approach to the death penalty required prosecutors,

defense attorneys and judges to do more to prevent error in capital cases under its proposal.

It recommended creating a "capital litigation trial bar" with mandatory membership for all lead and co-counsel in capital cases. Lead counsel would need five years of criminal litigation experience and experience as lead or co-counsel in at least eight felony jury trials, two being murder trials. Co-counsel would need three years of criminal litigation experience and experience as lead or co-counsel in at least five felony jury trials.

The proposal is generally in line with the Illinois State Bar Association's proposed standards. But while the ISBA's standards were limited to defense counsel, the Supreme Court group also wants prosecutors to meet the standards. Including prosecutors would minimize instances of prosecutorial misconduct — an issue of "serious consideration," according to the report.

Allegations of prosecutorial misconduct involves claims of improper closing argument, ranging from arguments improperly referring to the defendant's failure to testify or the defendant's post-arrest silence; improper arguments that shift the burden of proof; misstatement of facts in evidence; arguments that disparage defense counsel; improper bolstering of witness testimony; repeated improper questioning; and improper grand jury practices, according to the report.

The committee also called violations of the so-called Brady rule (requiring prosecutors to disclose evidence favorable to the accused) a "very serious problem." While the committee's recommendations were received well in Cook County, downstate prosecutors were wary.

"Trying to carry out the recommendations can be massive mechanical nightmares outside of Chicago," said Kevin Lyons, president of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association. "Whereas if these requirements are implemented in Chicago and no one meets them, you go six blocks down the street and get someone that does."

Norbert J. Gotten, director of the state's attorneys appellate prosecutor's office, said the exception could force state attorneys to handle capital cases when an assistant state's attorney may be better qualified to do so.

The committee proposed allowing attorneys who do not meet the stan-

dards to petition the Supreme Court for permission to handle capital cases and changes for discovery procedures in capital cases.

"Making discovery procedures applicable to capital sentencing."
"Requiring the state to certify, at least 14 days prior to trial, that all Brady material has been disclosed to the defense."

"Requiring the state to identify Brady material when it is disclosed."

"Permitting the use of discovery depositions by leave of the court, for good cause shown."

"Requiring standardized discovery disclosures for DNA evidence."
"Authorizing trial courts to set deadlines for discovery disclosures."

The committee recommended requiring the state to indicate its intent to seek the death penalty within 120 days after arraignment of by a date set by the trial court. It also proposed mandating "case management conferences" for capital cases in which trial judges would examine compliance with capital case rules.

Lastly, the committee recommended training programs for judges who handle the capital cases.

Other committee concerns didn't become recommended changes. It recommended electronically recording all custodial interrogations and confessions. However, committee members doubted Supreme Court rule changes would be the correct way to make the change. Instead, it asked the Supreme Court to push for legislation.

Some law enforcement agencies already record interrogations and confessions. Proposals to require the practice statewide were considered this spring by the Illinois General Assembly but didn't pass.

Whether the committee's proposed reforms will turn Illinois' troubled history with capital cases around remains to be seen. But as the president of the Illinois Public Defender Association put it, the situation looks promising.

"Train judges? Train prosecutors? Train defense attorneys?" said Stephen Baker, DuPage County public defender. "It sounds like a great deal to me."

Aaron Chambers is the Springfield bureau chief for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. The preceding column, provided by the Illinois Press Association, does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the association or this newspaper.

VOICE BOX

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?



"Yes, for my daughter. She lives out of state so I start early for her. As far as local, no. I am a procrastinator, I wait until the last minute."

Rich Martinez
Teacher



"No, I can't shop until my mom gives me money."

Dale Dudek, 15
Student



"Yes, I shop early and put a lot on lay-away, so it doesn't cost too much all at once."

Kica Weaver, 47



"No, I don't start shopping until after Thanksgiving."

Paul Flower



"I start shopping in September. That way I don't have to fight the crowds and worry that I won't find what I'm looking for."

Bonita McDonald, 33

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News

American Legion Aux. holds meeting

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, met recently at the home of Dorothy Hinson in Madison. Donations were made to the Department Children and Youth Fund, the C and Y Scholarship Fund, American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and the

Children's Miracle Network. The Junior Group also met recently at Hinson's home. A donation was made to the Junior Stamp Fund for hospitalized veterans. Bettie Nugent, National Security chairman, asked for donations to the Department Security Fund, American

Legion Emergency Fund and the St. Louis USO. The group will be taking items to the USO at the airport for the "Exodus" at Christmas time. Donations were made to the Americanism Fund, Americanism Youth Conference, and the Spirit of

AARP holds meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1340's meeting was called to order by President Irma Manning. Pauline Hanson gave the treasurer's report. Membership chairman Wilma Ostresh reported 234 members exist (includes 7 lifetime). Bea Harris asked members to donate any obsolete eyeglasses or hearing aids to the Lion's Club.

AARP's dinner dance is scheduled for Dec. 8. Tickets are available at the Township Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Members are \$7, guests, \$9. Those 50 and over are welcome. For information, call 877-1215 or 931-5108. Refreshments were served and the balance of the evening was spent in games.

Park District hosts holiday craft class

Granite City Park District is having a Holiday Craft Class from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Harold E. Brown Recreation Center. The cost of the class will be \$10 per person. For more information, contact the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.

Milestones

Nov. 28

Birthdays:
Amy Michaels

Nov. 29

Birthdays:
Richard Thalmann turns 80
Chad Feeney turns 14
Erica Hoy turns 6
Donna Drogghazi turns 32
Sue Christopher
Wayne Strubberg
Jill Farmer
Loretta Hylla
Celebrating an anniversary:
Ervin and Eva Mueller, 57 years

Nov. 30

Birthdays:
Kathryn Skipper turns 9
Melinda Lewis turns 32
F. Darlene Strubberg turns 57
Terri Kolahl turns 31
George Feeney turns 66
Darlene W. Strubberg
Mike Baker
Irene Kademac
Terri Froehlich
Celebrating an anniversary:
Leroy and Cynthia Pryor Jr., 7 years
Cecil and Pauline Voyles, 64 years

Dec. 1

Birthdays:
Lindsey Rujawitz turns 11
Paula Cox turns 30
Beth Ottmann turns 39
Celebrating an anniversary:
Randy and Paula Worner, 26 years
Charles and Linda Dowdy, 43 years

Dec. 2

Birthdays:
Michael Derr turns 32

Dec. 3

Birthdays:
Scott Wilson turns 31

Lori Reed turns 38
Delores Brinker

Dec. 4

Birthdays:
Richard Wells turns 43
Chris Carrey turns 28
Linda Kudelka
Pam Rowlett
Tom Bulusko

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 219 N. Illinois, Belleville 62220. Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has died or no longer wishes to be listed.

Center hosts Santa Breakfast

Santa Claus will be at Chouteau Township Social Center, Dec. 4 as part of a township Christmas celebration called Breakfast with Santa.

Breakfast with Santa will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and will also feature Mrs. Claus. As part of the event, holiday music will echo through-

out the building and children will receive a goody bag comprised of fruits and a few trinkets.

With the aid of senior citizens and office personnel, the township also will have Christmas decorations. Last year, about 200 children received goody bags from Santa. The township is located at 906 Thorngate in Mitchell. For more information, call 931-0360.

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Obituaries

Albert Coyle

ALBERT M. COYLE, 63, of Wood River, died at 4:13 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999, at Carmichael Hospital.

He was born Dec. 10, 1935, in Elmhurst, Ill. Coyle was a machanic at Wood River Amoco.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Janssen) Coyle, whom he married July 7, 1962. Other survivors include five daughters, Pamela Coyle and Deborah Coyle, both of Wood River; Brenda Markham of Godfrey; Joyce Davis of Brighton; and Tammy Zanner of Burlington. Three sons, Melvin Coyle, a Mortician, Wayne Coyle of Granite City, and Clay Coyle of Wakefield, also survive. Coyle was a member of the American Legion Post 1334 in Wood River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Lorraine (Harrison) Coyle; three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were Saturday at Dakota Mortuary Funeral Home in Wood River. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 1334.

Patricia Green

PATRICIA GREEN, 62, of 2113 Johnson Road, died Nov. 27, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Aug. 17, 1937, in Salem, Mass. Green was a self-employed cardmaker and member of Faith Chapel in Mitchell. She is survived by her sister, Helen Meyer of Wood River.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Aileen Green.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Chapel in Mitchell.

Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Donald Marquis

DONALD E. MARQUIS, 66, of Granite City, died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at his residence.

He was born March 20, 1933, in Johnstown, Colo. Mr. Marquis was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked for Nesco Steel and Harrell in Granite City, retiring in 1967. He was currently working for the Salvation Army as a bell ringer.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma D. (Putney) Marquis, whom he married in January of 1959. Other survivors include four children, Anita Marquis of Alton; Donald J. Marquis of Detroit; Linda Marquis of Granite City; and David Marquis of Wood River. Two sisters, Helen Marquis of Highland, four grandchildren, Michelle and Tasha Marquis of Granite City and Anita and John Marquis of Fort Collins, Colo., and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Cora Marquis; four sisters, Madeline Shyons, Emily Marquis, Lucille Bada and Elizabeth Giv and two brothers, Albert and Louis Marquis.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Capt. Ben Stillwell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Dwayne Tyler



DWAYNE A. TYLER

DWAYNE A. TYLER, 31, of Canokla, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:51 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born Nov. 6, 1967, in Granite City. Mr. Tyler was a member of New Life Assembly of God in Granite City.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda S. (Ruetter) Tyler; three children, Ashley Tyler, Joshua Sullins and Sheila Ruetter, all of Canokla; two brothers, Richard Sherman of Jacksonville, Ark., and Jr. Tyler of Pocahontas, Ark.; six sisters, Martha Reader of St. Louis, Doree Pulley of Granite City, Wanda Hardy of White Bluff, Tenn., Lornita Womack of Wood River, Janice Tyler of Pocahontas, Ark., and Diane Rose of Granite City.

Funeral services were Nov. 8 at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. James Hooker officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Police blotter

THEFT: David Thomas, owner of David Thomas Signs, reported that sometime between 6 and 11 p.m. Nov. 18, someone cut a chain and took a generator from a lighted sign at the entrance to the Sunset Hills Country Club, Illinois Route 159, Edwardsville. Thomas said that generator, a Coleman Pulse 1550 Powermate, was missing when he went to retrieve it and the chain that had held it to a post had been cut. The generator was valued at \$425.85.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS: Mark Anthony Williams, 33, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis after he attempted to enter the Madison County Court, 155 N. Main Street in Edwardsville at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 17. Williams allegedly walked through the metal detectors at the courthouse and his bootfalls set off the alarm. A closer inspection allegedly turned up a small packet of cigarette papers and a corner of a plastic baggie containing a brown and green leafy material and seeds. The substance tested positive for cannabis. Williams was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

BURGLARY: A resident of the 6900 block of Loyd Road in Collinsville reported that sometime between Nov. 14 and Nov. 19, someone took two gold bracelets off a dresser in the master bedroom of the home. A sapphire and diamond bracelet valued at \$1,000 and a mother's bracelet with purple and green stones valued at \$100 were missing.

VENICE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - A

Granite City woman was charged with illegal possession of drug paraphernalia after police found a crack pipe in her boot Wednesday. Brenda G. Arnold, 28, of the 3100 block of Colgate, Granite City, was charged after being arrested on an outstanding warrant at about 8 p.m. Wednesday evening in the Venice Homes area.

According to reports, an officer on patrol spotted Arnold sitting in a car in the housing project. She had been wanted for failure to appear on a criminal trespassing charge.

MADISON

A Madison man was charged with felony aggravated assault after allegedly striking his girlfriend several times with a meat cleaver early Wednesday morning. Calvin Dixon, 41, of the 1600 block of Market Street, was charged with one count of aggravated assault and is in custody at the Madison County Jail, according to police. Information on his bond was not available.

According to reports, at about 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, police, responded to a report of a disturbance in the 900 block of Lee. When they arrived, the victim was in front of the house, bleeding from the head. She told police that Dixon had struck her several times in the head with what police later found out was a heavy meat cleaver. Police found Dixon in one of the bedrooms and placed him under arrest.

arrest.

HOME INVASION: Madison police may seek charges of home invasion against a Venice man who allegedly broke into his former girlfriend's home. Robert Pickett, 29, of the 600 block of Washington, Venice, was in custody as of Friday on an unrelated warrant.

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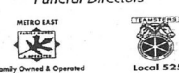
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SUREVISION
EYE CENTERS

Phoenix Crisis Center shuts down

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donations were down over the summer, putting the shelter in a financial quandary by late fall. The shelter has traditionally been funded by individual donations and from Nicole Brown Simpson Foundation, Tri-Cities United Way, Madison County Community Development and the Illinois

Attorney General's Office. The center, which recovered from a similar crisis in 1998, has a 1999 budget of \$130,000 and has provided domestic violence victims with 3,127 nights of shelter. "The agency has been so busy providing high quality services to an ever-increasing number of clients that its financial needs have been placed on the back burner for too long," Hahs said.

"The board plans to work with Carolyn Burden to concentrate on identifying future resources and grant writing." The shelter was founded as an agency dedicated to assist persons in abused relationships. Along with residential services, a crisis hotline and therapy, the shelter has provided the community with resources such as a food pantry and clothing.

Hahs believes that out of all the services, residential care will be the most severely missed. The shelter is currently recruiting volunteers to assist with the 24-hour crisis hotline and with fund-raising. For those who would like to volunteer contact Burden at 451-4267. The crisis hotline number is 451-1008.

Christmas shopping season started Friday

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Christmas gifts. "Amanda Jackson of Granite City, sporting a Santa hat, said she would walk out of the store with a least two sweaters for Jack (her husband). He works out constantly. He goes through sweatshirts like children go through jeans," Jackson said.

After scouring through the aisles, Friday's spirited shoppers had one last chal-

lenge - the checkout lines. "It will probably be worse than this by mid afternoon or later this evening," said Bill Wilton of Granite City, who, while standing in line for about 10 minutes, was behind three people and in front of five others.

Rebecca Pates, standing behind Wilton, blurted out wittily, "Don't worry. Be happy and patient because this shopping thing is going to get crazier and crazier." No truer words could have been spoken. Friday capped the traditional Christmas shopping season, which means shoppers will be flocking to area malls, shopping centers and outlet stores the next 28 days spending an average of \$825 on gifts, according to

recent poll conducted by Maritz Marketing Research. The poll also stated that men and women spend about the same amount.

Here is a list of gifts that are hot, hot, hot. Toys: Pokémon Fossil cards, Rock & Roll Elmo and Ernie, Furby and Furby babies, Amazing Alley, Pokémon Pikachu Plush Doll and interactive Yoda.

Apparel & Shoes: Clothing in velvet, cashmere, suede and chenille, Pashminas, wraps, embroidery, ballroom skirts, sweater sets and animal prints.

Books: Mystery and suspense, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, self-improvement and inspirational books and books titled the "Greatest Generation"

and "River: Cross My Heart."

Entertainment: Hand-held cameras, cellular phones, Sony PlayStation, DVD players and flat panel computer monitors.

Jewelry & Accessories: White metals; platinum, white gold and silver; stackable rings in white metal; millennium charm bracelets and sporty chronographs.

Home Furnishings: Throws and pillows in merino wool; accessories in velvet and chenille and animal fabrics and inflatable furniture.

Miscellaneous item: Candles, millennium souvenirs, aromatherapy oils and scents, bath crystals and gift certificates.

Dog can stay with owner

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be amputated, I'll have no choice but to have him put to sleep," said Irene Dawdy, the dog's owner.

Dawdy was at the Granite City Council meeting Tuesday evening. She was in the company of Michelle Middleton and Jason Green, neighbors of Dawdy who would like the city to remove Sarge from their neighborhood.

Middleton spoke before the council and told aldermen that Sarge was a "time bomb ready to explode" and asked them to "pull together to get rid of the animal." After the meeting she continued to be vocal, saying, "I will not rest until that dog is gone. It's only a matter of time before it attacks another dog or a child."

Sarge returned home Monday night three days after being seized by city animal control officers, but under the conditions that he wear a muzzle while being walked and placed in some type of enclosure while in his backyard. Inspectors, however, waved an insurance policy that vicious dog owners are required to obtain. When Ruebhausen was asked why he replied, "That's the way it is."

The November attack was not the first for Sarge. According to a police report, the animal attacked two dogs Oct. 28, one that belonged to Green.

Green said, "It chewed up my dog so bad that it needed a lot of stitches. I can't believe that animal hasn't been taken."

Brenda Taylor, the owner of Sarge, has said all along that despite the attacks her animal is not aggressive and will not attack humans.

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Ullone named new manager

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"I'm an expert in racing," Ullone said he plans to see some of the early season races in the south and visit other facilities before Gateway's first big race in May.

The appointment of Ullone as general manager is a shift from Wolter, who has an extensive background in both race track management and the construction industry, to someone more marketing-oriented.

Prior to joining the Rams,

where he was responsible for sales and developing in-stadium avenue sources such as luxury suites, Ullone worked for The Rouse Co. as a vice president and group manager of several of its facilities including St. Louis Union Station, which reached 100 percent capacity during his tenure.

"I have been fortunate to have gone through a lot of experience in my business career and I believe will help Gateway as we take it to the next level," he said. "For me, this is a great opportunity to manage a first-class sporting venue in

a first-class market, and I'm excited about the challenge." He said that St. Louis is a major sports market, including baseball, football, hockey, motor sports and hopefully basketball.

Ullone said motorsports is the fastest growing spectator sport in the country and noted that NASCAR recently signed a \$400 million television deal.

"We want to make it easy for people to come out here, we want to make it fun," he said.

Eventually, he said they want to bring a Winston Cup Series race to Gateway. The top NASCAR series would require a minimum of 100,000 seats.

"We can't do it for 2000 because the season is set," he said. "But we think there is an opportunity in the next two or three or four years. NASCAR is committed to putting the best product out there, and they're going to look at tracks they have not been on before."

He said the track will continue to make improvements in anticipation of that.

"We just want to put ourselves in a position to be looked at when that happens," he said.

McKinley Bridge toll runners could face increased fines

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told that because it is a city ordinance, they could only fine offenders.

Toll running now carries a fine ranging from \$50 to \$750 per offense.

Echols said after the meeting that increasing the fines was just one of several actions the city is taking to deal with the bridge's problems.

"We are in the midst of making what we think are changes that will help facilitate the recovering of money that is lost through toll-running," he said. "We had at one point a man standing there physically taking money at the automatic toll. It went up in the neighborhood of \$200 a day."

They are also considering new toll equipment and have laid off or not filled positions for four workers.

The bridge is still in a precarious financial situation, with the payment of back taxes being the most pressing issue.

The city of Venice owes St. Louis more than \$500,000 in property taxes

for the bridge and earlier this year St. Louis took steps to sell the Missouri portion of the bridge. If that would happen, IDOT has said it would pull funding for a \$12 million

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Tyrone Echols
Venice mayor

renovation project for that section of the bridge.

Without those renovations, the bridge deck on the western side is expected to fail in five years or less.

To stall the sale of the bridge, Venice has made two \$50,000 payments to St.

Louis. However, that money is coming from funds slated for engineering work on the renovation. If the city cannot pay for the engineering work, the project will not be completed.

A task force chaired by Madison County Board chairman Rudy Papa was formed to deal with the problem, but no solution has been found.

Echols said he is unsure exactly what will happen. "I really don't know," he said. "I don't know whether the state will step in or the county. The ideal situation would be for someone to come in and work with us." He said what they probably needed was a low-interest loan that could either be forgiven at a later date or paid back when the renovation project is completed.

He said an increase in ridership because of a better road surface, coupled with the elimination of an average \$40,000 per month in maintenance and inspection costs, could provide enough funds to pay for the bridge's debts.

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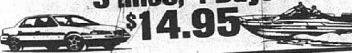
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Warriors finally taste victory

1-3 Granite City squad must play with more discipline, coach says

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It's a start. Granite City Warriors got their first Mid-States High School Hockey League victory of the season Saturday night in grand dramatic fashion against St. Charles (Mo.).

BOYS BASKETBALL: With 12:16 to play in the third period of a tied game, the Warriors went on the power play and attacked.

"Greg (Pritchard) and Ty (Suhr) were in front," Warriors coach Dave Yurkovich said. "Ryne (Burns), Larry (Brantley) and John Paul (Dickerson) were working the point. We were working the puck in the corners and behind the net. We were freeing up the defense and getting a lot of shots, but we weren't scoring. John mis-handled the puck and backhanded a shot that found its way in."

"It wasn't one of our best shots, but it went in. It was a nice game-winning goal for John Paul."

The 3-2 win against St. Charles was sandwiched between two defeats — a 3-0 loss to (St. Louis) St. Mary's Friday and a 10-2 defeat at the hands of Maryland Heights (Mo.) Pattonville Monday. St. Mary's took the body and carried the day. Against St. Mary's, we were intimidated and back on our heels, and they outshot us 34-7.

"We are causing the heat of the moment, and the other teams are getting chippy. We just have to control ourselves."

Dave Yurkovich
Granite City coach

Yurkovich said. "We were just unable to get anything going. Any time we generated offense we took it in, and their size put us on our heels. We picked it up in the third period and outshot them 5-4, but it took us that long to get going."

Against Pattonville, the Warriors played tough and well, but their discipline disappeared, and the chances for victory went with it.

"The score of the Pattonville game doesn't dictate the way we played," Yurkovich said. "We needed to get out and play physical early to give us some room. But they scored three goals in the first, and we got one back late in the period. David Kleuskens scored on a play from the defense. He took a very hard shot and it went in. In the second,

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Granite City's Greg Pritchard (10) throws a shot on goal while teammate Ty Suhr (8) looks on.

Warriors rolling into 2nd season

Team posted 4-6 record last year

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The thunder has begun to roll.

Granite City's second season of bowling got under way this week. The Steeltowners have an impressive veteran roster to send to the head of the lanes.

BOYS BOWLING: The Warriors will be led by returning varsity starter Travis Papp.

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"(Junior) Paul Richter is another returning letterman, he brings a lot of experience, along with (senior) John Nicol and (junior) Gary Brooks. (Junior) Calvin Powell was real solid for us last year. He gave us some real good consistency and I think he will again. (Junior) Brad Smith was on the junior varsity team last year. He bowled in the off-season, and the improvement is really showing. We look for him to really help solidify the varsity this year."

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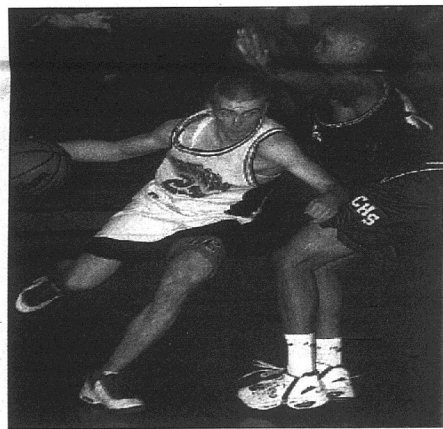
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Granite City's Matt Pistorius tries to work around an opponent.

Warriors stop Alton's big guns

But Everage does damage against Granite City in Tip-Off Classic tilt

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City did what they set out to do — they kept Alton's primary snipers pinned and under wraps Wednesday night.

BOYS BASKETBALL: But the Redbirds found fire from the hand of 6-foot-3 junior Ryan Everage. Everage's 19 points on 9 of 9 shooting led Alton to a 74-48 victory against the visiting Warriors in round-robin play of the Redbird Tip-Off Classic.

The Warriors held Alton sharpshooters Demarcus Snipes and James Mays to 13 and three

points, respectively. But Everage feasted a day early, putting back rebounds and cleaning the glass like a Thanksgiving plate.

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Shootout loaded with nation's best teams, players

Director touts strong field for Dec. 9 event

By Garon Vartanian
Staff writer

The 19th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout again will be stockpiled with several of the nation's strongest teams and players.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The shootout, which takes place Dec. 9 at Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis,

will feature five of the nation's top 25 squads.

Included in that list is (Mouth of Wilson, Va.) Oak Hill Academy, the No. 1 ranked team in USA Today's preseason poll.

"We're looking forward to another great event this year," event director and Columbia resident Keith Pickett said at the Shootout press conference Tuesday. "From a national standpoint,

we've got as strong array as we've ever had. What fans have come to expect out of this event, they're going to get again this year — very much so."

Along with the exciting collection of teams, the shootout will feature four of the nation's top 10 seniors, most notably DeShawn Stevenson of Fresno (Calif.) Washington Union and Eddie Griffin of Philadelphia Roman Catholic. Their respective teams meet in the 6:15 p.m. game at the shootout.

Stevenson signed a national letter of intent to play at the University of Kansas. Griffin will continue his basketball career at Seton Hall University.

Pickett said scouts from several National Basketball Association teams will attend the shootout primarily to watch Stevenson and Griffin.

"From a nationally-ranked team standpoint, this is one of the strongest if not the strongest ever," Pickett said of the shootout field. "Individually, it's right there with a lot of other years."

During the previous 18 events, the shootout has been a breeding ground for excellent high school basketball. Fifty-

three shootout participants won state in their respective class later that season.

Three mythical national champions and four national runner-ups have played in the shootout as well. Overall, 57 individual shootout players became McDonald's All-Americans.

In addition, eight of the top 12 scorers in the NBA previously played in the shootout, including Stephen Marbury, Kevin Garnett, Allan Houston, Vince Carter, Sam Cassell, Glenn Robinson,

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DOBBS
TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

Cardinals
Athlete of the Week

Price pins down area Gran Prix championship

Three perfect games help Granite City resident bowl over his opponents

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

One Metro East athlete really has been on a roll.

Granite City's Charlie Price atomized the competition to win the Gran Prix Bowling Tournament, held Nov. 7 at St. Charles (Mo.) Lanes.

Price rolled three perfect 300 games, a 290 game, and two 800 series to smash all

comers and take the trophy. Price said, "It was just in a groove. Price said, "It was unbelievable, something you dream about. It was absolutely great. It took a week to come down from it."

And Price saved his best for last. His last five games read like a Bowling Hall of Fame induction ceremony: 300, 300, 236, 290, 300. He averaged 259 for the tournament.

"I was the No. 1 qualifier, so I only

had to bowl one game in the stepladder portion," Price said. "It was the first time I have ever bowled two 800 series in one 12-game competition."

"I never have had more than one 300 game in a tournament before. I have had a lot of 300 games before (45) and 800 series (22), but never all together like that."

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MVCHA results/schedules

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Bowling results

CAMELOT BOWL		Tina Taylor		158	
Youth Bowling		Bumpers			
Week of Nov. 18		Boys High Series		184	
Friday A		Joe Bob Legendre		199	
Boys High Series		Chris Mitchell		198	
Bobby Nordke	492	Joe Bob Legendre		184	
Jorja Plew	390	Chris Mitchell		198	
Boys High Series		Brenden Boyer		109	
Bobby Nordke	178	Girls High Series		160	
Jorja Plew	160	Elizabeth Beauchamp		187	
Girls High Series		Catherine Bratkie		95	
Andrea Ostendorf	353	Elizabeth Beauchamp		95	
Stacey Rank	316	Catherine Bratkie		95	
Girls High Games		Women's High Series			
Andrea Ostendorf	128	Elton Warner		631	
Ronda Tuley	125	Ruth Haynes		608	
Friday B		Mary Ruth Hunter		573	
Boys High Series		Sandy Schless		560	
Alex Nemczasz	279	Trina Short		567	
V.J. Furlaro	193	Wima Burgess		532	
Boys High Games		Leifann Farley		526	
Alex Nemczasz	153	Lore Fuller		526	
V.J. Furlaro	119	Loretta Fudge		526	
Girls High Series		Ginny Connolly		233	
Sammie Farris	244	Garl Smith		222	
Megan Dickey	236	Janie Edgerston		222	
Girls High Games		Eileen Wemar		222	
Sammie Farris	138	Carol Porter		219	
Megan Dickey	126	Leifann Farley		219	
Juniors		Vicky Cadell		219	
Boys High Series		Mary Ruth Hunter		219	
Jimmy Clark	475	Cindy Goff		200	
Joe Dubay	465	Trina Short			
Boys High Games		Gene Morales			
Ryan Dallage	197	Men's High Series			
Jimmy Clark	180	John Deloney		77	
Girls High Series		Charlie Gates		77	
Heather Bratkie	491	Vince Giovanni		77	
Healy Price	398	Rick Buck		9	
Girls High Games		Rod Porter		9	
Heather Bratkie	189	Ron Carter		9	
Tiffany Young	182	Gary Ivins		9	
Preps		Gene Davis		9	
Boys High Series		Gary Lutz		9	
Mat Wright	287	Men's High Games			
Will Barnich	210	Vince Giovanni		2	
Girls High Series		John Deloney		2	
Mat Wright	140	Rick Buck		2	
Will Barnich	118	Charlie Gates		2	
Girls High Games		John Anschutz		2	
Meghan Helm	231	Brian Force		2	
Rhannon Bauer	209	Bruce Krome		2	
Girls High Series		Dave Bell		2	
Meghan Helm	133	John Furelli, Jr.		2	
Katie Beauchamp	116	Senior High Series			
Boys High Series		Rich Klein			
Aaron Dellamano	596	Jim Irwin			
Gary Brooks	598	Dorothy Johnson			
Boys High Games		Joann Taylor			
Drew Foley	238	Senior High Games			
Aaron Dellamano	229	Rich Klein			
Girls High Series		Larry Kebel			
Rachel Spier	51	Dorothy Johnson			
Tina Taylor	421	John Taylor			
Girls High Games					
Rachel Spier	194				

Prep football leaders

Metro East Football				Receiving Leaders				Scout Hamrick			
				Name				Team			
Chris Davis, Belleville W				43-115	549	Scott Hamrick				Madison	5
Pat Neville, Althoff				41-94	516	Pat Smith				Freeburg	4
Mark Carter, Marquette				23-80	412	Todd Kiehl, O'Fallon				Columbia	3
Nick Smith, Thomas, Dupu				28-80	412	Damarus Coates				Edwardsville	3
Scott Harter, Columbia				33-77	365	Chris Kayich				Granite City	3
Chris Erickson, Waterloo				37-105	353						
Dorian Spragins, ESL				26-87	333						
Mike Larson, Mascoutah				23-65	310						
Scoring Leaders				Rushing Leaders				Fumble Recovery Leaders			
Name	Team	Pts	Yds	Name	Team	Pts	Yds	Name	Team	Pts	FtRs
Travis Evans	Edwardsville	126		Travis Evans	Edwardsville	1386		Mark Kloepper	Belleville East	5	4
Terrence Westbrook	Belleville West	120		Eric Stewart	Collinsville	1219		Brad Hamrick	Freeport	4	4
Jerrold Jones	Columbia	74		Red Jones	Belleville W	1127		Andy St. Louis	St. Louis	3	3
Red Jones	Columbia	74		Joe Davis	Edwardsville	1003		Demarius Coates	Edwardsville	2	2
Scott Harter	Mascoutah	66		Joe Davis	Edwardsville	1003		J.R. Zigler	Edwardsville	2	2
Mulcun Henderson	Columbia	56		Nick Smock	Edwardsville	812		Anthony McClellan	O'Fallon	3	3
Jerrold Jones	Mascoutah	60		Terrence Westbrook	Belleville W	709		Scott Hamrick	Mascoutah	3	3
Nick Smock	Collinsville	60		Joe Davis	Edwardsville	812					
Eric Stewart	Collinsville	60		Jerrod Jones	Adrian	805					
Olando Gouden	Columbia	54		Adam Lucchietti	Edwardsville	801					
Chris Erickson	Waterloo	54		Adam Lucchietti	Edwardsville	801					
Xavier Blackburn	ME Luther	50		Sean Dwyer	Marquette	740					
Brandy Grayson	Althoff	48		Ryan Morrissey	Dupo	690					
Oramir Grayson	Belleville	48		Garrett Patton	Rad Bud	638					
	O'Fallon	48		Joash Potts	Rad Bud	638					
Passing Leaders				Interception Leaders				Team Sack Leaders			
Name	Team	Comp-Att	Yards	Name	Team	Ints	Yds	Name	Team	Sacks	Yards
Joash Smith, O'Fallon		51-113	895	Blake Westra	Edwardsville	6	6	Brandon Miller	Columbia	1	1
Brook Giesse, Freeburg		51-113	895					Chakolia	1	1	
Andrew Lauber, ME Lun		51-90	786					Tristan Hill	1	1	
Darius Smith, Cahokia		44-102	865					Nick Turfott	1	1	
Don Sanner, Belleville		44-102	864					Pat Serio	1	1	
Mike McGee, Rad Bud		44-103	864					Eric Wegener	1	1	
		78-127						Richard VanDusen	1	1	
								Corey Alberson	1	1	
								Nick Schaefer	1	1	
								Travis Deterting	1	1	
								Red Bud	1	1	

Prep soccer leaders

Metro East				Assist Leaders				Name, School				Mins.				Kyte Donovan, Lebanon			
Scoring Leaders				Name, School				Astate				Nathan Gibson, Edwardsville				Nick Mercer, Gibault			
Steve Friedrich, Columbia				Rick Grothers, Mascoutah				Justin Roun, Granite City				Paul Hoercher, Belleville East				Darryl Beatty, Mascoutah			
Matt Kaestner, Gibault				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon				Steve Ellis, O'Fallon				Steve Ellis, O'Fallon							
Joe Helton, Triad				Nick Honnertstall, Lebanon				Dallas Zimmer, Waterloo				Dallas Zimmer, Waterloo							
Justin Juskas, O'Fallon				Steve Friedrich, Columbia				Matt Negie, Belleville West				Justin Roun, Granite City				Steve Ellis, O'Fallon			
Nick Schubert, Lebanon				Jeff Butts, Columbia				Ryan Gantner, Waterloo				Dallas Zimmer, Waterloo				Justin Roun, Granite City			
Jason Papert, Marquette				Matt Kaestner, Gibault				Ryan Crawford, Gibault				Steve Ellis, O'Fallon				Justin Roun, Granite City			
Mike Smith, Granite City				Joe Helton, Triad				Chris Rudo, Alton				Dallas Zimmer, Waterloo				Justin Roun, Granite City			
Ryan Gantner, Belleville East				Mark Tampow, Alton				Andy Choate, O'Fallon				Steve Ellis, O'Fallon				Justin Roun, Granite City			
Mark Tampow, Alton				Jeff Berkner, Marquette				Ryan Gantner, Waterloo				Steve Webb, Waterloo				Justin Roun, Granite City			
Ryan Gantner, Belleville East				Mike Smith, Granite City				Steve Webb, Waterloo											
Goal Leaders				Name, School				Game-Winning Goal Leaders				GWS							
Steve Friedrich, Columbia				Matt Kaestner, Gibault				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon							
Matt Kaestner, Gibault				Jason Kaestner, Waterloo				Steve Friedrich, Columbia				Steve Friedrich, Columbia							
Joe Helton, Triad				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon				Matt Atp, Edwardsville				Matt Atp, Edwardsville							
Nick Schubert, Lebanon				Joe Helton, Triad				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon				Justin Juskas, O'Fallon							
Jason Papert, Marquette				Ryan Gantner, Belleville East				Ryan Gantner, Belleville East				Ryan Gantner, Belleville East							
Mike Smith, Granite City				Mark Tampow, Alton				Mark Tampow, Alton				Mark Tampow, Alton							
Ryan Gantner, Belleville East				Jeff Berkner, Marquette				Jeff Berkner, Marquette				Jeff Berkner, Marquette							
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Prep fall standings

PREP FOOTBALL				Boys Soccer			
Cahokia Conference				Southwestern Conference			
	League	Overall	Team	League	W-L-T	Overall	Team
Dunk	4-1-0	4-6-0	Edwardsville	3-2-0	2-2-1	5-6-1	W-L-T
Brown County	5-0-2	5-3-0	Granite City	3-2-0	5-6-1	5-6-1	W-L-T
Carlinville	3-2-0	5-4-0	Collinsville	2-3-0	3-1-1	3-1-1	W-L-T
Harding	3-2-0	4-8-0	Bellefonte	2-3-0	7-13-1	7-13-1	W-L-T
East Dubuque	1-4-0	2-7-0	Bellefonte West	2-3-0	9-14-1	9-14-1	W-L-T
Marionville	0-5-0	1-8-0	Bellefonte West	0-5-0	9-8-1	9-8-1	W-L-T
Southwestern Conference				Cahokia Conference			
	League	Overall	Team	League	W-L-T	Overall	Team
Edwardsville	6-0-0	9-1-0	Lebanon	3-2-0	8-11-1	8-11-1	W-L-T
Bellefonte West	4-0-0	6-5-0	Carbondale	3-0-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	W-L-T
Bellefonte East	3-3-0	3-6-0	Winchester	3-2-0	6-12-1	6-12-1	W-L-T
Collinsville	3-3-0	3-6-0	Briess Center	0-5-0	0-16-1	0-16-1	W-L-T
Granite City	3-4-0	3-6-0					
East St. Louis	2-4-0	3-7-0					
Alton	2-5-0	2-7-0					
Mississippi Valley Conference				South Western Conference			
	League	Overall	Team	League	W-L-T	Overall	Team
Jersyville	5-0-0	9-1-0	O'Fallon	5-3-0	5-3-0	11-8-1	W-L-T
Bernardo City Memorial	4-0-0	8-2-0	Carbondale	5-4-0	14-6-1	14-6-1	W-L-T
Highland	3-2-0	7-3-0	Carbondale	1-6-0	1-17-1	1-17-1	W-L-T
Macoufall	2-3-0	4-5-0	Cahokia	0-7-0			
Highland	2-7-0	2-7-0					
Warrick	0-5-0	0-9-0					
South Seven Conference				Mississippi Valley Conference			
	League	Overall	Team	League	W-L-T	Overall	Team
Cahokia	5-0-0	9-1-0	Team Highland	7-1-2	11-8-1	11-8-1	W-L-T
North Vernon	5-4-0	5-4-0	Waterloo	1-6-0	1-6-0	1-6-0	W-L-T
O'Fallon	5-4-0	5-4-0	Macoufall	5-3-1	15-5-1	15-5-1	W-L-T
Marion	2-3-0	4-5-0	Triad	4-5-0	13-8-1	13-8-1	W-L-T
Carbondale	2-7-0	2-7-0	Carbondale City Memorial	1-8-0	2-8-0	2-8-0	W-L-T
Carbondale	0-5-0	1-8-0	Jersyville	2-6-0	8-12-1	8-12-1	W-L-T
Independents				Independents			
	W-L-T	Team	League	W-L-T	Team	League	W-L-T
Metrol East Lutheran	5-5-0	Alton	7-1-2	11-11-1	Metrol East Lutheran	5-5-0	5-5-0
	3-6-0	Gibault	1-11-1	1-11-1			
		Metrol East Lutheran	4-4-0	4-4-0			
Girls Volleyball							

Prep volleyball leaders

Metro East Volleyball		Junie Cassidy Granite City		50	166	3,720
Block Average Leaders						
Name, School	GP	Bks	Av	GP	Bks	Av
Colleen Ivins, O'Fallon	83	411	4.96	83	206	2.48
Elyse Morris, Gibault	63	228	3.62	63	170	2.70
Suzanne Gundlach, Althoff	76	320	4.21	62	158	2.56
Erin Noble, Belleville West	63	252	4.00	61	117	1.98
Christina Archibald, Belleville West	60	232	3.87	63	115	1.84
Kim Michael, Valleymer	57	190	3.33	62	109	1.76
Karen Boyd, Trid	62	256	4.12	57	90	1.58
Karen Vetter, Valleymer	63	185	2.94			
Erin Zukosky, ME Lutheran	62	159	3.05			
Lauren Scannell, Althoff	74	213	2.88			
Timberly Hunt, Mascoutah	64	180	2.81			
Serve Reception Leaders						
Name, School	GP	Re	Av	GP	Re	Av
O. Grossen, Collinsville	64	150	4	64	150	4
Kendra Langan, Belleville West	61	290	12	63	292	9.53
S. Deluca, Collinsville	68	54	5	68	54	5
Karen Panzou, Belleville West	61	69	4	61	69	4
Suzanne Gundlach, Althoff	76	303	21	76	303	21
L. Walters, Collinsville	64	162	2.53	64	162	2.53
J. Duckworth, Collinsville	63	237	19	63	237	19
Kristin Connolly, Mascoutah	63	495	40	63	495	40
Dee West, Collinsville	63	400	31	63	400	31
Tess Seibert, Althoff	79	391	34	79	391	34
Lauren Scannell, Althoff	74	212	18	74	212	18
Timberly Hunt, Mascoutah	69	135	13	69	135	13
Meissa Meadows, Althoff	69	135	13	69	135	13
Serve Percentage Leaders						
Name, School	GP	Att	P	GP	Att	P
Megan Boeger, ME Lutheran	50	50	100.00	50	50	100.00
Rae, Granite City	23	49	100.00	23	49	100.00
Michelle Lutz, ME Lutheran	50	50	100.00	50	50	100.00
Suzanne Gundlach, Althoff	67	248	6.77	67	248	6.77
Kendrina Lutz, Belleville West	61	270	7.97	61	270	7.97
Lauren Scannell, Althoff	68	185	6.39	68	185	6.39
Deanne Trost, Collinsville	61	69	2.77	61	69	2.77
Barbara, Collinsville	63	68	2.68	63	68	2.68
S. Deluca, Collinsville	68	272	6.97	68	272	6.97
Shelley Smith, Belleville West	63	331	10.66	63	331	10.66
GP	64	44	4.4	64	44	4.4
Assist Average Leaders						
Name, School	GP	Asst	Av	GP	Asst	Av
S. Deluca, Collinsville	68	579	8.51	68	579	8.51
Emily Scannell, Althoff	79	670	8.48	79	670	8.48
Joe Hentscher, Gibault	63	418	7.69	63	418	7.69
Christina Archibald, Valleymer	62	458	7.55	62	458	7.55
Shelley Smith, Belleville West	63	413	6.56	63	413	6.56
Emily Austin, Mascoutah	64	390	6.09	64	390	6.09
Amelia Licht, West	67	372	5.55	67	372	5.55
Amber Owens, O'Fallon	63	447	5.39	63	447	5.39
GP	63	447	5.39	63	447	5.39

Trailblazers receive warm homecoming

School basking in glory of its first national championship

By Jeff Allsman
Staff writer

Simply the best. The Lewis and Clark Community College women's soccer team returned home from Baltimore recently bringing the spoils of the school's first national championship.

"This is a big deal for Lewis and Clark," said college President Dr. Dale Chapman, who, along with a large crowd of fans, parents and students, met the national champions as they

exited the plane at Lambert Airport. "This would be a big deal for any college. This is our first national championship."

The college will honor the team with a motorcade through the campus and a ceremony in the Advanced Technology Center following the Thanksgiving break.

"This is incredible," LCCC Athletic Director George Terry said of the reception at the airport. "These girls worked hard all year. They deserve this. They are national champions. Look at the smiles on their faces."

Some faces were smiling, others

showed the trails of joyful tears as the players hugged and celebrated with their fans who chanted "L and C" and "We're No. 1." Even passengers waiting to board other flights offered congratulations and joined in the cheering.

LCCC finished the season 25-1 and defeated the nation's No. 1 team Monroe College 2-1 to claim the national championship. LCCC's all-time leading goals and points scorer Angie Bode contributed both goals in the final game as the Trailblazers won for the 23rd consecutive game and tied the national record for most consecutive wins in a single season.

The Trailblazers further proved their merit by knocking off the defending national champions while in Baltimore and by beating seven of the nation's final Top 15 teams during the regular season.

"It feels great to win the national championship," said LCCC coach Tim Rooney, who was named National Junior College Athletic Association Coach of the Year. "The players have worked very hard for this. We intentionally play a very difficult schedule each year, hoping to prepare ourselves for these types of opportunities."

"This national title is for this

team and is also a tribute to the efforts of several former All-Americans who contributed to the building of this program."

Bode, who scored five goals in the three-game tournament, was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player at forward.

Lewis and Clark placed three

other players, Jamie Diemell, Meghan Lang and Debra Aaron on the all-tournament team and won the tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

"This is awesome," Bode said. "Several of us have won state championships in high school, but there is nothing to compare to this."

GCHS rolling into second season

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tions. It was a real good beginning to the program and gave us a real good lift for the future."

That future is now. The season began on Tuesday, when the Warriors swept Belleville West.

"We did real well," Puhse said. "We won all of our matches in boys and girls varsity and junior varsity. Out of 36 points, the lowest we scored in a match was 31. There were between 50 and 100 fans packed in there to see our match. It was very exciting."

The Warriors boys won 32-4, and the girls beat the Maroons

33-3. Papp bowled a 741 series to start the season, establishing his average at a massive 247.

Papp nailed strikes on his first seven rolls. Following his

lead, freshman Tristan Choat also started with seven clean for the junior varsity and ended up with a 241.

was 11th in average at the state tournament last year, and I think he can do even better. If the guys come through I think we can win not only the Southwestern Conference, but

also the Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference."

The Warriors next play on Tuesday, when they will face Cahokia on their home lanes of Howland in Granite City.

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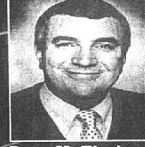
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I have such a friend. We have known each other for 20 years and have been through much together. My friend's shoulder of support, spark of good humor, calm understanding and sincere encouragement has helped me through many ups and downs.

Our lives now are amazingly parallel, with marriage, families, and careers. Even though we don't talk on the telephone every day as we once did, our bond of trust and friendship is as strong today as ever.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "When friendships are real, they are not glass threads or frost work, but the solidest things we know."

God's love is at the heart of true friendship, for divine love breaks down every barrier. There is a miraculous power in two. Spending time with real friends can do remarkable things. The Bible says, "When any two come together in my name... I am there."

A Christ-centered relationship will only get better and better. When passing through the storms of life, how comforting it is to have the support of trusted friends and hearing them say, as they extend a helping hand, "Everything will work out fine."

A New You



Catherine Galasso

"It will be alright," and "You can do it."

How uplifting are the words of genuine friends. It is so important to have friends in your life who believe in you. A good friend multiplies your strengths and divides your sorrows.

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends remain steadfast. Jackie Giard wrote via e-mail, "I have a wonderful friend, especially dear to me because we have known each other for over 41 years, and I am 46. We go way back and our friendship is even stronger today with so much depth. We are both so blessed."

As with any relationship, it is give and take in agreements or

disagreements. If you feel judgmental towards someone, walk in his or her shoes for a moment.

Open yourself up to the ability to understand, to forgive and, most of all, have the courage to apologize for past errors.

Give a warm embrace to your friend, and remember to appreciate his or her goodness and kind gestures.

Jesus once said, "If as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child,

you will surely be rewarded."

Matthew 10:42. Be a good listener. Give honest advice and sincere and loving criticism. "Wounds from a friend are better than kisses from an enemy." Proverbs 27:6.

Remember that each person is a unique and magnificent creation of God.

If friendships of three or four people are centered on a love for God then there will be no siding against one another. Praying

first and talking it out at once will result in all taking sides with Jesus. He is the great bond of all friendships.

In the Book of Ruth, is a truly fine example of love and respect. Ruth and Naomi had a rare bond of friendship. Though generations apart, they shared and cared deeply for each other.

In Chapter 1: 16-17 Ruth says, "Where you go, I will go and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God, my God. May the

Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

And I know that 20 years from now I can call my dear friend and say, "Hi... it's me," and she immediately she will know who it is.

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

There's nothing quite like decorating the Christmas tree. You probably

have fond childhood memories of the family all pitching in and hanging lights, tinsel, ornaments and anything else that came to mind.

Tree decorating is downright fun, and, done properly, will produce a magnificent-looking sight.

Of course there's more to it than haphazardly putting lights here and there. Here are a few pointers on how to place lights correctly, and create a tree you'll be proud of.

Lights are the main attraction on any tree. And Frank's has a dazzling variety of lighting colors, styles and sizes sure to bring joy to any holiday home. Choose the color and light style that complements your ornaments.

Your first step is to run an extension cord from the outlet to the tree trunk. Plug the first set of lights into the cord and take the light set to the top of the tree.

Start with the first bulb at the top and wrap the cord around each branch, placing lights as you work around and downward. Try to place the same number of lights on each branch. Starting at the top makes it easier if you have an abundance of lights left on the last string. There's more room at the bottom of the tree.

Plug in the next set and continue from the inside of the tree branch to the outside. Try to keep the connections between strings deep inside the tree where they'll be less noticeable. The light string cords can be hidden by nestling them in the needles.

Try not to hang bulbs in mid-air between

branches. Sometimes this can be virtually impossible to avoid, but try to keep it to a minimum.

It's easy to get carried away when attaching strings of lights, but remember: Never exceed the recommended number of strings you can attach together. If you need additional lights, get another extension cord.

Never overload an electrical outlet. You may need to use an additional outlet or two. If they're on separate circuits, so much the better.

How many lights does it take? There definitely isn't a standard answer, since everyone's decorating tastes are dramatically different. Following is a general guideline. Adjust up or down to create the perfect tree.

Tree Height In Feet	No. of Mini Lights
2	35 to 50
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Automotive

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Ford's Excursion stands tall among SU

By Tom Strongman

Ford's Excursion is the giant of sport-utility vehicles. It can hold nine people, pull 10,000 pounds and tote a payload of nearly 1 ton.

This is a vehicle targeted at buyers who need its size for a specific use, such as towing heavy trailers, taking long vacations or hauling a bunch of kids. Ford expects to sell more than 50,000 a year because the heavy-duty utility-vehicle segment, until now dominated by the Chevrolet and GMC Suburban, has experienced unprecedented growth.

Prices start at \$34,135 for the two-wheel-drive XLT and range to \$40,880 for the four-wheel drive Limited, which includes leather captain's seats, trip computer, rear radio controls, aluminum wheels, power driver's seat, power rear quarter windows and all-season tires.

Our test vehicle was an XLT 4X4 (\$36,775) with the optional Power Stroke turbo diesel engine (\$4,005), and its sticker price was \$44,850.

Driving it around town for a few days was fun. There's an appeal to driving a big truck, although whether that would continue over a longer period of time is unclear. I enjoyed sitting up high and the fact that I could put a pair of mountain bikes upright in the back without

Even though it is more than 7 inches longer and nearly 6 inches taller than the Chevrolet Suburban, it didn't really drive much differently than a Navigator or Expedition. Some extra care was required in parking lots or bank drive-up windows because of its width and large turning radius, but I was able to squeeze it into my garage and close the door.

The Excursion is built on an F-250 pickup chassis. Our test vehicle, a four-wheel-drive XLT powered by the 7.3-liter, Power Stroke V-8 diesel engine, averaged 14.4 mpg in combined city and highway driving. The 6.8-liter V-10 engine should average 10 to 13 mpg.

Since the Excursion falls into the over-8,500-pound truck class, the EPA does not require fuel mileage ratings.

For normal driving, the 310-horsepower V-10 is smoother and quieter than the diesel. On the other hand, if monster torque or superior fuel economy are most important, the diesel is the best choice. It is a marvelous engine, although its noise can be annoying in city driving. For towing, its 560 foot-pounds of torque put the V-10 under the table.

In spite of its engine size, the Excursion qualifies as a Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) that produces 43 percent fewer smog-form-

Recycled steel, aluminum, plastic and rubber make up about 20 percent of the vehicle, and at the end of its life more than 86 percent is recyclable, according to Ford.

To counteract concerns that the Excursion poses a danger to smaller cars in a collision, Ford designed a beam under the front bumper, at the same height as a regular car's bumper, to absorb energy and keep the truck from riding up over a smaller vehicle in the event of a collision. The standard Class IV trailer hitch serves much the same purpose in back.

The Excursion shares about 60 percent of its parts with the F-250 truck, including the front-end sheet metal, instrument panel and front seats.

The front bucket seats are quite comfortable, but getting in requires stepping on the running board first. There is a grab handle on the windshield post for the passenger, but not one for the driver, and it would be handy.

Between the seats sits a large console that has a note clip built into the top of the lid, and in the case of our test truck, a six-disc CD changer inside. A removable bin for coins, CDs and other stuff also is inside the console.

Access to the third seat has been simplified by back doors that are 5.5 inches wider than those of the Suburban. The 60/40 split-fold-

seat backs plus a tilt/slide feature that enhances access to the third seat. There is 48 cubic feet of cargo space behind the third seat alone. Remove the third seat, fold the second seat flat and a full sheet of plywood slides right in.

Around back, the glass hatch tilts up and two side-opening doors take the place of a tailgate. The dual doors allow access to the cargo space while a trailer is attached.

Sales of Suburbans, now up to about 150,000 a year, have doubled in the 1990s. With the Excursion, Ford offers its customers a comparable, yet even larger, vehicle whose personality is more like a truck than the Suburban.

The base price of our test truck was \$36,775. The XLT package consists of power windows and locks, AM/FM stereo with CD player, roof rack, running boards, automatic transmission, trailer-tow package, heated power mirrors, tri-panel rear door, air conditioning, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock and remote keyless entry.

Options on the test vehicle included leather seats, diesel engine, trip computer, lighted running boards, rear radio controls, power rear vent windows and aluminum wheels.

The sticker price was \$44,850. The warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.



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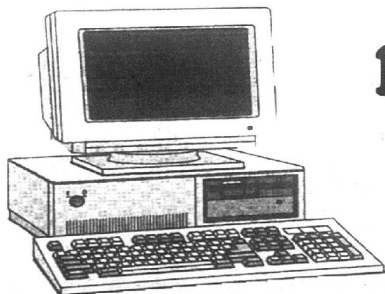
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gate cover-up. They are later sentenced to 2½ to eight years in prison.

May 8: Khmer Rouge guerrillas are reportedly uprooting millions of Cambodians in a peasant revolution, less than a month after Communist forces seized control of the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, ending a five-year civil war.

May 12: The U.S. merchant ship Mayaguez is seized by Cambodian forces and its crew charged with spying. The crew is freed two days later in a U.S. military rescue operation in the Gulf of Thailand. Fifteen U.S. soldiers die and 50 are wounded in the operation.

June 20: Chicago mobster Sam Giancana, reputed to have participated in a failed CIA plot to assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro, is gunned down outside his home in Oak Park, Ill.

June 24: An Eastern Airlines 727 out of New Orleans crashes upon landing at JFK Airport in New York, killing 113 people. It is the worst single-plane disaster in U.S. aviation history.

July 17: In a history-making linkup, the American Apollo spacecraft and the Soviet Union's Soyuz 19 dock with each other 140 miles over the Atlantic Ocean.

July 30: Former Teamsters Union leader Jimmy Hoffa disappears after being seen outside a restaurant in Bloomfield Township, Mich.

Aug. 23: The Communist-led Pathet Lao guerrillas take control of Laos, culminating in the Communists' ascension to power in Indochina.

Sept. 22: For the second time in 17 days, President Ford escapes assassination when an assassin Sam Jane Moore, 45, fires a shot as he steps out of a hotel in San Francisco. On Sept. 5 in Sacramento, Calif., Lynette Alice "Squeaky" Fromme, 26, a follower of jailed mass murderer Charles Manson, pointed a pistol at Ford from close range.

Oct. 1: Muhammad Ali retains his heavyweight title with a TKO of Joe Frazier after 14 rounds in the Philippines. The bout, billed as the "Thrilla in Manila," was watched by an estimated 700 million.

Nov. 10: The parents of Karen Anne Quinlan, a young woman who had been comatose for seven months, lose a court bid to turn off the respirator believed to be keeping her alive. On March 4, 1978, the New Jersey Supreme Court will approve disconnecting the respirator. Quinlan proves to be able to breathe on her own.

Nov. 10: The 729-foot ore hauler SS Edmund Fitzgerald, the largest ship to ply the Great Lakes, leaves Superior, Wis., with 26,000 tons of iron ore bound for Detroit. In the path of the Fitzgerald lurks a terrible storm, and Erik is not with the ship and its 29 crewmen. Coast Guard officials theorize that the vessel broke in two and sank in about 350 feet of water.

1976

March 24: Isabel Peron, who assumed control of Argentina upon the death of her husband, Juan, on July 1, 1974 — is ousted in a military coup.

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cision, the Supreme Court rules that the death penalty is not inherently cruel and unusual punishment.

July 4: A mysterious virus, later dubbed Legionnaire's disease, breaks out at a Philadelphia hotel hosting an American Legion convention. Within two months, it kills 28 people.

July 4: Israel stuns the world with a commando raid at Entebbe Airport in the East African nation of Uganda. The aim is to free 106 hostages — many of them Jewish — who were seized June 27 when Palestinian terrorists hijacked an Air France flight. Within 58 minutes, the raiders gun down seven hijackers and 20 Ugandan soldiers, snatch up the hostages, destroy 11 Ugandan planes and escape with only one casualty, Yonatan Netanyahu, whose brother, Benjamin, will be elected Israeli prime minister two decades later.

July 20: Viking 1, a robot craft launched from Earth on Aug. 20, 1976, makes the first successful landing on Mars. Viking transmits spectacular photographs of a rocky, wind-scoured desert plain.

Sept. 9: China is jolted by the second death of an old-guard leader when Mao Tse-tung, leader of the nation since 1949, dies of Parkinson's disease. An estimated 1 million flock into Tiananmen Square to mourn their leader. Earlier this year, on Jan. 8, Chou En-lai, 78, premier since 1949, died of cancer.

Sept. 13: The U.S. National Academy of Sciences reports that chlorofluorocarbons, especially those in aerosol cans, endanger the Earth's protective ozone layer.

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The fall of Saigon

On April 29, 1975, just after dusk, 11 U.S. Marines are plucked from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon in an emergency helicopter airlift. They are the last American soldiers to be evacuated from the South Vietnamese capital after the most divisive war in U.S. history.

Just after noon the next day, a North Vietnamese flag is raised over the presidential palace in Saigon. The South Vietnamese surrender to the North, ending the Vietnam War after three decades of strife, first involving the French and then the Americans. The war's final death toll is roughly 1.3 million Vietnamese and more than 56,000 Americans. The Americans' \$141 billion effort to stop communism in Southeast Asia is a bust. The North Vietnamese immediately change the name of Saigon to Ho Chi Minh City, after Vietnamese nationalist leader Ho Chi Minh.

Jan. 23: "Roots," the 13-hour miniseries based on author Alex Haley's moving search for his African ancestors, captivates the nation for eight straight nights on ABC and becomes the highest-rated series of all time.

Jan. 23: Steve Biko, a leader of South Africa's "black consciousness" movement, dies in Pretoria of massive head injuries while in police custody. Biko, 30, had founded the South African Students Organization in 1968, while a student at the University of Natal.

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Some residents cheer the arrival of the Viet Cong, others pillage the U.S. Embassy, taking everything from filing cabinets to the kitchen sink.

The American can depart seems as disorganized as the war effort. After several days of debate in Washington over how to evacuate the Americans from Saigon, President Ford finally orders the air-

helicopter evacuation after the airport outside Saigon is closed by gunfire. Pandemonium ensues. South Vietnamese flee themselves on barbed wire in trying to escape to the embassy compound; others toss their children over the embassy wall in the hope of saving the next generation.

Ford says that the fall of Saigon "closes a chapter in the American experience." The war had divided the nation for more than a decade, and its end prompts disillusionment and a new spirit of isolationism.

tended to 25 years to life for each of the killings.

Sept. 27: President Carter and Panamanian Brig. Gen. Omar Torrijos Herrera sign treaties to transfer control of the Panama Canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.

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rigid quotes for minority admissions are illegal.

July 25: Louise Joy Brown is born in Oldham, England. Baby Louise is the first human being conceived outside the womb — in a procedure called "in vitro fertilization."

Aug. 7: The Love Canal area of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is considered to be environmentally unfit for human habitation. From 1947 to 1952, the Hooker Chemical Co. dumped tons of toxic waste into an abandoned canal. In 1953, the company filled in the canal and sold it for \$1 to Niagara Falls. The city built a school on the dump site and housing developments soon followed.

Aug. 20: Three Dallas police sharpshooters help re-enact the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Assassination experts hired by the House Select Committee on Assassinations are trying to re-create the sound of bullets that killed Kennedy. The panel concludes that conspiracies were likely in the assassinations of Kennedy in 1963 and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Sept. 16-17: A Middle East peace conference at Camp David, Md., leads to the agreement to conclude a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel within three months. The Camp David accords and subsequent peace treaty will win the Nobel Peace Prize for Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat, though not for President Carter.

Nov. 18: From the jungle of Guyana in South America, cult leader Jonestown Warren "Jim" Jones engineers the assassination of a visiting Canadian congressman, Leo Ryan, and four members of the Ryan's entourage, the mass suicide of 913 of his people's Temple followers, and then takes a gun to himself.

Nov. 27: San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, the city's first openly homosexual official, are shot to death by former Supervisor Dan White, a conservative ideologue who wanted to withdraw his recent resignation from the Board of Supervisors.

1979

March 28: The worst nuclear accident in U.S. history occurs at the Three Mile Island plant in Middletown, Pa. On the day of the accident, officials say that there has been no radiation release and that the plant is cooling down. But within days, there is a fear of a meltdown. An estimated 80,000 to 250,000 people flee. The working crisis ends only after stabilizing a damaged reactor, but Three Mile Island stokes opposition to the expanding nuclear-power industry.

May 3: Margaret Thatcher, a grocer's daughter who became an Oxford-educated chemist and lawyer, becomes Britain's first female prime minister. Thatcher will remain in office 11 years — the longest tenure of any 20th-century British prime minister.

Aug. 27: Lord Louis Mountbatten, great-grandson of Queen Victoria, World War II admiral and British viceroy of India, is assassinated. The 79-year-old earl becomes the most famous victim in the Irish Republican Army's 10-year guerrilla campaign to drive Britain out of Northern Ireland.

Oct. 6: Pope John Paul II becomes the first pope to meet a president at the White House.

Dec. 10: Mother Teresa, a Roman Catholic nun who has worked with the poor in the festering slums of India, accepts the Nobel Peace Prize. "Personally, I am unworthy," the 69-year-old nun tells the prize committee. "I accept in the name of the poor."

Dec. 22: Congress votes to provide \$1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees to help Chrysler Corp. escape bankruptcy. This sets the stage for a stunning comeback led by the charismatic Chrysler chairman, Lee Iacocca.

BIRTHS

Drew Barrymore, actress, 2/22/75
Tiger Woods, golfer, 12/30/75
Fred Savage, actor, 7/9/78
Alicia Silverstone, actress, 10/4/76
Sarah Michelle Gellar, actress, 4/14/77
Keri Strug, gymnast, 11/19/77
Katie Holmes, actress, 12/18/78

TRENDS

What's in vogue

1978: If you're not wearing a T-shirt touting some brand of beer, a sporting event or commercial enterprise, you're not cool. Leisure is at its workable: polyester suits for men; sexy, tight-fitting fashions for women. Disco: The VCR dramatically changes the way people watch the new clubs, and 20 million mod rings (right) with change color with body temperature, are sold in America.

1976: A national craze for citizen's band radios has Americans embracing such terms as "10-4" for affirmative, "good buddy" for an airwave acquaintance and "smoke" for a state trooper. First lady Betty Ford even gets into the act, hitting the airwaves with the handle "First Mama."

ENTERTAINMENT

America and VCRs

Two competing Japanese companies introduced video recording devices into America's entertainment mix in 1976: Sony with Beta max, and JVC, or Japanese Victor Co., with VHS. The VCR dramatically broadens what people can watch on the tube. TV ad rates and movie attendance suffer, but the VCR is a boon to such emerging industries as video rental stores and video pornography.

The Force is with you

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... With those words in the opening titles, director George Lucas introduces his magnum opus, "Star Wars" series. The 1977 film, which grossed \$232 million in North America and millions more overseas, contains the elements of boys' adventure novels, Greek mythology, samurai epics, Westerns, pulp science fiction and more serials.

Hostage crisis

The first sign of trouble at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran, is received at the State Department in the early hours of Nov. 4, 1979.

Political officer Elizabeth Swift reports that a mob of young Iranians has broken into the embassy compound. "We're going down," Swift reports to Washington before she is blindfolded and led into captivity. The capture of 63 Americans caps a year of events that brings a volatile Iran into U.S. homes.

It starts Jan. 16, when Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi flees Iran after 37 years of rule. On Feb. 1, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, a white-bearded cleric who has lived in exile for 16 years for opposing the shah and promulgating an Islamic Republic — is greeted by 1 million supporters upon his return to Tehran.

Within days, the shah's government is overthrown. The ayatollah moves to reverse Western freedoms. Those who disobey are stoned.

The revolution creates a second oil crisis for the United States. By summer, gasoline shortages are spreading throughout the United States.

The taking of the U.S.

hostages comes after President Carter allows the shah to enter the United States for medical treatment in October. Soon after, female and black hostages are released, leaving about 50 in captivity.

As the year ends, the hostage crisis and gas shortages are taking a toll on Carter's presidency. The crisis ends when the hostages are released Jan. 20, 1981, the day Ronald Reagan takes office.

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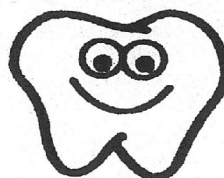
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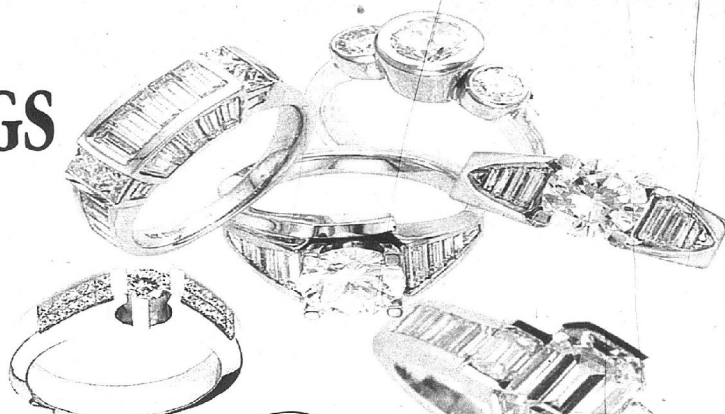
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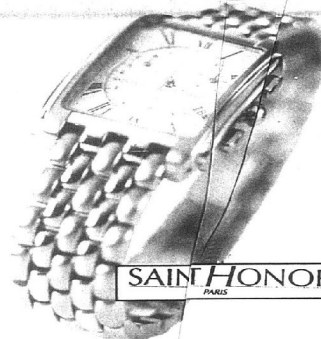
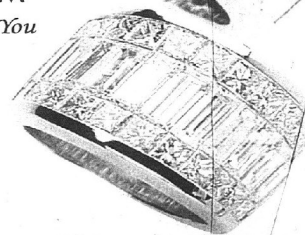
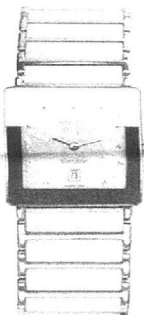
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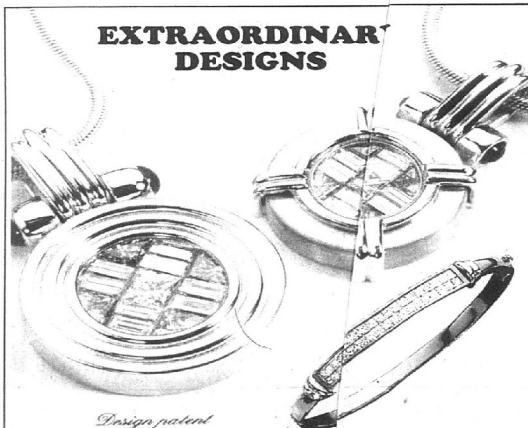
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■ **March 11:** Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev is elevated to the Soviet Union's highest post. Gorbachev promises to revitalize the Soviet bureaucracy, but instead he unleashes forces that will bring down the Soviet Union and shake the world's political order.

■ **March 16:** Terry Anderson, a correspondent for The Associated Press in Beirut, is kidnapped by Arab terrorists. He will be held hostage until Dec. 4, 1991.

■ **May 16:** Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls is named rookie of the year.

■ **June 11:** After a decade in a comatose vegetative state, Karen Ann Quinlan dies of pneumonia, ending the nation's first major right-to-die battle.

■ **June 14:** Two hooded Islamic Jihad extremists hijack TWA Flight 847 with 39 Americans aboard. Syrian authorities eventually persuade the hijackers to free the hostages. June 30, One U.S. Serviceman is killed.

■ **Sept. 1:** The luxury liner Titanic, which has lain on the ocean floor for 73 years, is found in 130,000 feet of water south of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic.

■ **Sept. 16:** The Commerce Department announces that the United States has become a debtor nation for the first time since 1914.

■ **Sept. 22:** The concert Farm Aid is held in Champaign, Ill., to raise money for American farmers. A record 43,000 farms go bankrupt in 1985 as land prices fall and interest rates soar.

■ **Oct. 2:** Rock Hudson dies at age 59. The actor had disclosed in July that he had the virus that causes AIDS, making AIDS a household word.

■ **Oct. 7:** Four members of the Palestine Liberation Front hijack a cruise ship in the Mediterranean. The terrorists fatally shoot a wheelchair-bound American, Leon Klinghoffer, 69, before surrendering in Egypt on Oct. 9. The next day, an Egyptian airliner flies the hijackers out of the country. U.S. fighter jets force it to land in Italy. The men are convicted on Nov. 19.

■ **Nov. 20-21:** President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meet in Geneva, agree to work toward strategic arms reduction and plan another summit meeting for 1986.

■ **Dec. 22:** President Reagan signs into law an act that aims to eliminate the deficit by 1991.



Anderson

1985-1989

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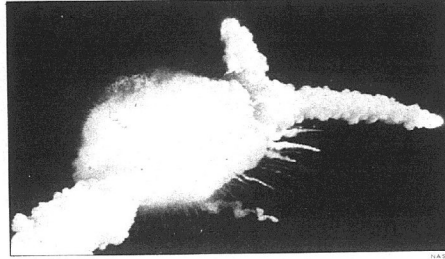
'A major malfunction'

It is bitterly cold by Florida standards the morning of Jan. 28, 1986, several degrees below freezing. Icicles hang from the gantry adjoining the shuttle Challenger on its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center as seven crew members are helped into their seats for the mission.

The crew includes a high school teacher and mother of two, Christa McAuliffe. Chosen for the Teacher-In-Space program, McAuliffe, 37, is to become the first typical citizen to travel in space.

After a two-hour delay to allow the ice to melt, the launch proceeds. Family members, including McAuliffe's parents, watch from grandstands as the shuttle begins its majestic climb at 11:38 a.m. For the first minute, it looks like every other launch. Then, after 73 seconds, disaster "Uh-oh," says co-pilot Michael J. Smith, the last word from the spacecraft.

Giant plumes of smoke shoot out as the explosion points history against a bright blue sky. For several seconds, there is silence for TV viewers, who can only hope that the shuttle is airborne. But a voice from



The shuttle Challenger explodes in 1986, killing all seven crew members.

mission control confirms the fears: "Obviously, a major malfunction."

In the White House, President Reagan learns that the shuttle has exploded. "Is that the one the schoolteacher was on?" he asks. The president's State of the Union address, scheduled for that evening, is put off. Instead, Reagan takes to the airwaves to reassure the nation.

The astronauts' remains are not located until March, when the crew module is found at a depth of 90 feet in the Atlantic Ocean off Florida. They are still strapped in their

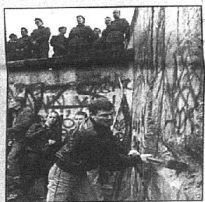
seats: Mission commander Francis R. Scobee, 46; Smith, 40; McAuliffe; mission specialists Ellison S. Onizuka, 39, Ronald E. McNair, 36, and Judith A. Resnik, 36; and payload specialist Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

A presidential commission concludes that the explosion was caused by faulty O-ring seals on the solid fuel rocket booster. Tests had shown the seals to be unreliable in cold weather. But NASA failed to heed warnings because of pressure to meet an "overambitious" launch schedule, the commission reports.

The fall of the Berlin Wall

For 28 years, it stood as the Cold War's most visible divide—a barrier of concrete and barbed wire separating the people and ideals of the East and West. So it is a stunning event when, on a chilly November day in 1989, the Berlin Wall comes tumbling down—at the hands of thousands of East and West Germans, who then clamor atop the rubble to celebrate.

Days earlier, a million East Germans gathered for the largest pro-democracy rally in the communist nation's history. On Nov. 9, officials announce that they will allow East Germans to pass through the wall to visit the West. The floodgates are open. Some use hammers to chip away at the monument to state con-



A man pounds away at the Berlin wall as guards watch from above.

trol. The next day, all border restrictions are lifted, and thousands cross back and forth.

Communism in Europe collapses quickly, one country following another. Mikhail Gorbachev had opened the gate of freedom—with such concepts as glasnost (openness), and perestroika (restructuring). In July, Gorbachev tells European leaders that the Soviets will no longer use military muscle to influence Warsaw Pact neighbors.

Less than two months later, Poland becomes the first country to transfer power to a noncommunist and gains support from Moscow. By October, thousands of East Germans have fled to the West.

■ **Oct. 19:** On a day that will become known as "Black Monday," the Dow Jones industrial average plunges 508 points and closes at 1738.34. The 22.6 percent decline is the worst in U.S. history, double that of the 1929 crash that ushered in the Great Depression. The collapse wipes out an estimated \$870 billion in stock values and signals an end to the free-wheeling 1980s.

1988

■ **Feb. 21:** After reports that he had committed lewd acts with a prostitute, the Rev. Jimmy Swaggart publicly confesses to "moral failure" and is directed to stop preaching for a year. But on May 22, he will preach without ministerial credentials and later be defrocked.

■ **March 15:** Pope John Paul II appoints Antonio M. Riboldi as the first black Roman Catholic U.S. archbishop.

■ **May 29-June 1:** President Reagan travels to Moscow for his fourth meeting with Soviet leader Gorbachev, a summit notable not so much for progress on arms control but for the profound changes taking place in the Soviet Union under Gorbachev.

■ **July 3:** An Iranian jetliner is shot down by a U.S. Navy warship in the Persian Gulf when it is mistaken for an Iranian F-4 fighter

plane, killing 290. The cruiser at the time was fighting off attacks by Iranian gunboats.

■ **Nov. 8:** Promising a "kinder, gentler" America, George Herbert Walker Bush is elected the 41st president of the United States.

■ **Dec. 2:** Benazir Bhutto, 35, takes the oath of office as prime minister of Pakistan, becoming the first female prime minister of a Muslim country.

■ **Dec. 22:** Pan Am Flight 103 erupts into a fireball. The blazing Boeing 747 jetliner comes crashing down on Lockerbie, Scotland. All 259 people aboard the plane die. Eleven are killed on the ground. Within a week, investigators pin the explosion on a bomb. Several terrorist organizations are suspected.

1989

■ **Jan. 24:** Serial killer Theodore Robert Bundy is executed in the electric chair at the Florida State Prison in Starke for slaying a 12-year-old girl from Lake City, Fla. Investigators believe Bundy may have killed several dozen women.

■ **Feb. 10:** Ron Brown is elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to lead a major American political party.

■ **Feb. 15:** The last Soviet troops pull out of Afghanistan after nine years of war against communist Muslim rebels.

■ **March 24:** The supertanker Exxon Valdez runs into a reef in Alaska's ecologically sensitive Prince William Sound. Eleven million gallons of oil gush from the vessel, spilling more than 1,000 miles of extraordinary shoreline. Close to 600,000 birds and 5,500 otters are killed from the worst spill in U.S. history.

■ **March 29:** Michael Milken, the junk bond king of Drexel Burnham Lambert, is indicted on 38 counts of racketeering, securities fraud, insider trading and other federal charges.

■ **April 19:** An explosion in a gun turret of the battle-ship USS Iowa kills 47 sailors.

■ **May 4:** Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, a national security aide to President Reagan, is convicted in federal court on three of 12 counts related to the sale of arms to Iran so the money could be given to rebels in Nicaragua. His conviction will be thrown out on appeal.

■ **May 31:** For the first time in 200 years of democracy, a House speaker resigns. Jim Wright steps down over a year-long ethics investigation. He is accused of improperly accepting use of an apartment, a condominium and a job for his wife. Wright denies the charges, although he later says he made "errors in judgment."

■ **June 3:** The Chinese army rolls into Tiananmen Square to break up a pro-democracy demonstration that started in April. The gathering had begun with students asking for political reform, but the crowd swelled to 2 million. After martial law is imposed, the crowd thins. But several thousand students remain when they are attacked with automatic weapons and tanks. The death toll is estimated at 2,500.

■ **June 21:** The Supreme Court rules, 5-4, that burning the American flag is an expression of free speech protected by the Constitution.

■ **Aug. 9:** President Bush signs landmark legislation to bail out the ailing savings and loan industry, a \$166 billion rescue plan.

■ **Aug. 24:** Pete Rose, who in 1985 set a major-league baseball record of 4,192 career hits, is banned from the sport for life for gambling on baseball games.

■ **Oct. 17:** An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale rocks the San Francisco area. Almost 70 die, half of them crushed when freeways collapse.

DEATHS

Marc Chagall, artist, 3/28/85, age 97
Laura Ashley, fashion designer, 9/17/85, age 60
E.B. White, writer, 10/1/85, age 86
Yul Brynner, actor, 10/10/85, age 60
Orson Welles, actor/director, 10/10/85, age 70
Rick Nelson, singer and TV actor on "The Adventures of Ozzy and Harriet," 12/31/85, age 45
Georgia O'Keeffe, artist, 3/6/86, age 98

SPORTS

Benji Goodman, basketball player on "The King of Swing," 6/13/86, age 75
Adm. Hyman Rickover, "father of the nuclear Navy," 7/8/86, age 86
Cary Grant, actor, 11/30/86, age 80

Librarian, editor/author, 2/24/87, age 67
Adm. Wadsworth, artist/director, 2/22/87, age 58
Pete Haworth, actress, 6/14/87, age 68

Fred Astaire, dancer/actor, 6/22/88, age 88
Jackie Gleason, comedian, 6/24/88, age 71
John Huston, director, 6/28/88, age 81

Roy Orbison, singer, 9/4/88, age 51
Mervyn Duvall, actor, 10/1/88, age 62
James Earl Ray, assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 4/23/89, age 48

Lucille Ball, actress/comedian, 4/26/89, age 77
Mel Blanc, voice of Bugs Bunny, 1/1/89, age 81
John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63, age 43

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, 8/21/89, age 75
Betty Davis, actress, 12/1/89, age 89
Vladimir Horowitz, pianist, 11/25/89, age 94

Samuel Beckett, Irish playwright, 12/22/89, age 83
Daniel Barenboim, Argentine pianist, 12/24/89, age 68
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TELEVISION

Oprah makes her debut

It took only one night for Oprah Winfrey to become a household name. The Chicago talk show host, who began her career as a local news anchor in 1984, made her national debut on Sept. 8 with "The Oprah Winfrey Show." The show, which airs on Tuesday nights, is syndicated nationally, and a one-hour celebrity interview, "Oprah's Book Club," is also syndicated. The show, which is the highest rated talk show in TV history.

SPORTS

Olympic memories

Memorable moments mark the 1988 Winter and Summer Olympics. In Calgary, Alberta, the U.S. men's speed skater Dan Jansen, who learned hours before his first race that his sister has died of leukemia, he fails in both of his attempts for a medal. At the Summer Games in Seoul, American diver Greg Louganis hits his head on the board but still wins the gold medal. Carl Lewis is awarded the gold medal for the 100-meter dash after the apparent winner, Ben Johnson of Canada, is stripped of his victory when he tests positive for steroids. Lewis takes a second gold in the long jump.

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1986

■ **Feb. 27:** After defeat at the polls, Ferdinand Marcos agrees to hand over the presidency of the Philippines to Corason Aquino and flies to Honolulu.

■ **April 8:** Movie star Clint Eastwood is elected mayor of Carmel, Calif.

■ **April 15:** A U.S. airstrike against Libya is launched in retaliation for Libya's suspected involvement in an April 5 bombing of a West Berlin discotheque that killed two people.

■ **April 28:** Scientists in Sweden detect high radiation levels over Stockholm, Finland, Norway and Denmark report similar findings. After first denying an accident, Soviet officials confirm a "mishap" at the Chernobyl nuclear power station in Ukraine. Soviet bureaucrats downplay the damage, but it soon becomes clear that the reactor is not only damaged but on fire. It releases a radiation cloud 10 times more potent than that unleashed by the atom-bomb used on Hiroshima in 1945. More than 200,000 people are evacuated, but only after a 36-hour delay.

■ **May 25:** Nearly 6 million people link hands in a chain that stretches 4,150 miles from New York to Long Beach, Calif., broken only along a few desert stretches. Sponsors of Hands Across America hoped to raise \$50 million to aid the hungry and homeless.

■ **July 27:** Greg LeMond becomes the first American cyclist to win the Tour de France race.



Reagan

1987

■ **Jan. 4:** A 12-car Amtrak passenger train collides with three Conrail engines near Chevy Chase, Md., killing 15 and injuring more than 175. It is the worst accident in Amtrak's history.

■ **Feb. 4:** The American yacht Stars & Stripes wins the America's Cup.

■ **March 19:** Jim Bakker resigns from his ministry and says that he had an extramarital "sexual encounter" with a church secretary, later identified as Jessica Hahn.

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■ **May 8:** Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, drops out of the race after the Miami Herald discloses that he had an affair with model Donna Rice.

1987

■ **May 17:** The United States becomes embroiled in the Iran-Iraq War when a missile attack on the USS Stark in the Persian Gulf kills 37 sailors and badly damages the frigate. An Iraqi warplane fired two missiles by mistake, and Iraq apologizes for the attack. On Sept. 22, a U.S. helicopter attacks and damages an Iranian minelayer, and on Oct. 19, U.S. naval forces shell two offshore installations in retaliation for Iranian attacks on Persian Gulf shipping.

■ **Sept. 11:** Anchorman Dan Rather walks off the set of the "CBS Evening News" over a disagreement with management, resulting in a blank screen for five minutes.

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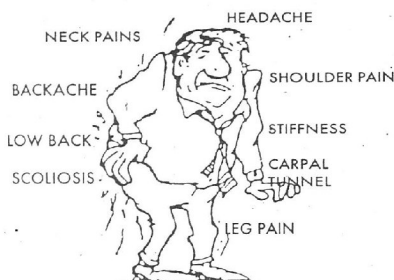
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■ **Oct. 16:** An 18-month-old girl tumbles into a 22-foot-deep well in her back yard in Midland, Texas. Jessica McClure remains trapped for 58 hours. Baby Jessica captures the hearts of worried Americans—crying for her mother and singing Winnie-the-Pooh songs—until paramedic Steve Forbes emerges with the tiny bundle in his arms.

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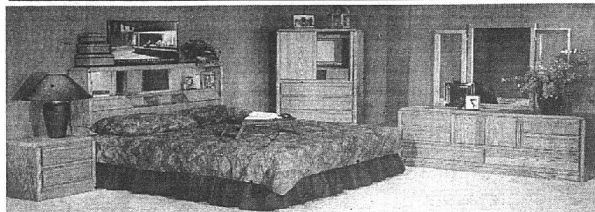
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1990 Operation Desert Storm

Jan. 3: Two weeks after President Bush sent 25,000 U.S. troops into Panama to capture Manuel Noriega, the Panamanian strongman surrenders to U.S. authorities. Noriega is wanted on federal racketeering charges including selling intelligence to Cuba and allowing Colombian cocaine to pass through his country.

Jan. 4: Charles Stuart, who claimed that he and his pregnant wife had been shot by a black man, leaps to his death from a bridge in Boston after learning that he had become the prime suspect in the killing of his wife.

Jan. 28: Washington Mayor Marion Barry is arrested on a drug charge. Barry will be sentenced to six months in prison and fined for a misdemeanor charge of cocaine possession.

Feb. 11: Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, is released from prison in South Africa after serving 27 years on a charge of treason.

March 13: The Soviet Congress of People's Deputies repeals Article 6 of the Soviet Constitution, which gave the Communist Party a political monopoly.

April 25: The shuttle Discovery deploys the Hubble Space Telescope, which later is found to have a design flaw that will prevent it from focusing sharply on objects in distant space.

June 4: Dr. Jack Kevorkian admits he helped Janet Adkins, 34, of Portland, Ore., commit suicide. It is the first of a series of assisted suicides that will make him a household name.

Oct. 3: Split into two countries since Nazi Germany's 1945 defeat in World War II, the two Germanys are formally reunited.

Nov. 15: The Senate Ethics Committee opens hearings on the so-called Keating Five — senators who had interceded with banking regulators on behalf of Charles Keating Jr., a savings and loan director who had contributed heavily to their campaign funds. The committee finds Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., guilty of substantial misconduct; the other four are mildly reprimanded.

1991

March 3: Los Angeles police officers beat black motorist Rodney King, 29. After a videotape of the violence is played on CNN, the incident generates an outcry against police brutality. The tape depicts at least a dozen officers surrounding King, landing at least 50 nightstick blows and breaking King's skull in nine places.

May 1: With a 16-strikeout, 24-victory over the Toronto Blue Jays, Texas Rangers ace Nolan Ryan becomes the first pitcher in major-league history to throw seven no-hitters.

July 24: Jeffrey Dahmer, a paroled child molester, confesses to killing 11 men and boys in Milwaukee and eating the flesh of some of them.

Nov. 19: Hard-liners frustrated by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's democratic reforms attempt a coup. As troops surround the Russian Parliament building in Moscow, thousands gather to show support for the republic's government. Clamoring atop a tank, Russian President Boris Yeltsin calls the takeover unconstitutional. Two days later, the coup collapses and Gorbachev returns. But his power is diminished and he resigns. On Christmas Day, the Soviet Union is disbanded, effectively ending the Cold War.

In the early hours of Aug. 2, 1990, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein invades and occupies the oil-rich Persian Gulf emirate of Kuwait. The United States and Britain quickly dispatch ground, air and naval forces to the region. They are joined in what becomes Operation Desert Shield by Egyptian and Moroccan soldiers.

Tensions increase Sept. 21 when Saddam, known to possess chemical and biological weapons, threatens to launch pre-emptive attacks on his Arab neighbors and Israel.

On Nov. 29, the U.N. Security Council imposes a Jan. 15 deadline for Saddam to pull out his forces.

On Jan. 16, a U.S.-led coalition of 28 nations launches an aerial assault. Operation Desert Shield becomes Operation Desert Storm.

The allied forces use high-tech weaponry to bombard Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, and bomb Iraqi troops dug in across Kuwait. Iraq retaliates by aiming Scud missiles at U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia and at cities in Israel, killing at least four Israeli civilians. On Jan. 29, the first ground battle begins, as allied



A U.S. soldier cries after learning that a fellow crewman was killed in a mortar explosion during Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait.

troops force an Iraqi retreat in a three-day fight that leaves 12 Marines dead. Not until Feb. 25 does the ground war begin in earnest. Three days later, the war ends as U.S. troops take Kuwait City and President Bush declares that the oil state has been liberated.

The Persian Gulf War receives overwhelming support from the American public. It is a media war, with 24-hour coverage on CNN. Daily briefings make stars of U.S. military leaders Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, who is leading the war, and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The six-week war leaves 148 U.S. troops killed, 472 wounded; the allies estimate that 150,000 Iraqis have been killed. Bush vows that it will not become another Vietnam, and once Kuwait is captured, there is no military advance into Iraq. Hussein remains in power and will continue to be a nemesis to the United States and its allies as the century nears its end.

Nov. 4: With independent candidate Ross Perot calling for change, a record 104 million Americans go to the polls. Democrat Bill Clinton and his running mate, Al Gore, win with 43 percent of the popular vote.

1993

Jan. 31: The Dallas Cowboys defeat the Buffalo Bills 52-17 to win Super Bowl XXVII in Pasadena, Calif. It is the team's first championship under owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson.

Feb. 26: A bomb planted in an underground parking garage of New York's 110-story World Trade Center shakes the twin towers. Five people are killed and hundreds suffer from smoke inhalation. Officials receive more than 40 phone calls claiming responsibility. On June 24, eight followers of Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, who are under investigation in connection with the bombing, are accused of plotting several terrorist attacks on New York landmarks, including a suicide bombing of the United Nations headquarters.

April 17: A federal jury convicts police Sgt. Stacey C. Koon and officer Laurence M. Powell of civil rights violations in the Rodney King beating. Two other officers are acquitted.

April 19: Federal agents advise religious cult leader David Koresh and his 95 followers that tear gas will be used against them unless they surrender. In February, the 77-acre Branch Davidian compound east of Waco, Texas, became the center of attention when federal agents were fired upon by Davidians as the agents raided the complex. At dawn, 51 days after the gas battle, an armored vehicle smashes through a front wall of the compound. Tear gas is later employed. At 12:15 p.m., flames and smoke begin to pour from the compound. Only nine cult members survive the inferno. At least 17 children are killed.

April 30: Tennis champion Monica Seles is stabbed by a fan in Hamburg, Germany. She will recover and return to the game.

July 19: President Clinton and the Joint Chiefs of Staff compromise on gays in the armed forces. The new rule: "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue."

Nov. 19: Republicans gain control of Congress for the first time since 1946.

Aug. 1: The Great Flood of 1993, believed to be the worst ever in the Mississippi Valley, kills 50 people, destroys or damages 55,000 homes and displaces 38,000 families. Total damage is put at \$10 billion to \$15 billion across nine states.

Aug. 24: NASA's \$1 billion Mars Observer vanishes only before it was scheduled to begin orbiting the Red Planet.

Sept. 10: The body of former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos is laid to rest in a mausoleum at his family's mansion in Linao, Marcos died in exile in Hawaii and is refused any state honors.

Sept. 13: Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, stepping forward eagerly, shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin after signing a peace accord on the White House lawn. Their people had been warring for 45 years.

Oct. 4: Boris Yeltsin crushes a hard-line rebellion in a daylong battle that leaves the Russian White House, or parliament building, scarred by fire and explosions.

Oct. 15: South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela are awarded jointly the Nobel Peace Prize for their work to end apartheid.

1994

Jan. 17: An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale in California kills 57 people and causes \$15 billion in damage.

Jan. 21: Lorena Bobbitt, who cut off part of her husband's penis, is found not guilty of malicious wounding by reason of insanity.



Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley at the MTV Video Awards.

March 26: Pop icon Michael Jackson marries Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Lisa Marie Presley. They will file for divorce less than two years later.

April 26-29: Allowed to participate in national elections for the first time, South African blacks sweep African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela to the presidency. The voting marks the birth of democracy in South Africa.

May 6: England's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand officially christen the \$15 billion Channel Tunnel, which connects England to the European continent via an underwater passageway.

May 10: Serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, is executed by injection in Joliet, Ill., for the sex slayings of 33 young men and boys in Chicago in the 1970s.

Aug. 31: The outlawed Irish Republican Army announces "a complete cessation of military operations" in its 25-year armed struggle to end British rule in Northern Ireland, setting off spontaneous demonstrations by Catholics and Protestants alike.

Oct. 15: Exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returns to power in Port-au-Prince. A U.S. delegation persuades Haiti's ruling junta to step down, averting bloodshed.

Nov. 3: Susan V. Smith, 23, of Union City, S.C., is arrested in the deaths of her two sons, who she said were kidnapped by a black man. She later admits she rolled the car into a lake, her children strapped in their car seats. In July 1995, Smith will be sentenced to life in prison.

Nov. 6: George Foreman, 45, becomes the oldest boxer in any weight class to win a championship fight when he knocks out Michael Moorer, 26, in Las Vegas in the 10th round.

Nov. 8: George W. Bush, the eldest son of the former president, upsets popular Democratic incumbent Gov. Ann Richards to win the Texas governor's race.

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DEATHS

Urban Stawnyck, actress, 1/20/90, age 82
 Peter Carbo, actress, 4/15/90, in New York, age 84
 Jimmy Davis Jr., entertainer, 5/16/90, age 64
 John Henson, puppeteer, 5/16/90, age 78

Devia Ray Vaughan, musician, 7/27/90, age 35
 Leonard Bernstein, composer/conductor, 10/14/90, age 72
 David Dahl, author, 11/23/90, age 74
 Michael Landon, actor, 7/1/91, age 54
 Frank Capra, movie director, 5/3/91, age 94

Theodor S. Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, 9/24/91, age 87
 Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter, 9/28/91, age 65
 Redd Foxx, actor/comedian, 10/11/91, age 68
 Gene Roddenberry, "Star Trek" creator, 10/24/91, age 70
 Menachem Begin, former Israeli prime minister, 3/9/92, age 78

Lawrence Welk, band leader, 5/17/92, age 89
 Rudolf Nureyev, ballet dancer, 1/6/93, age 54
 Audrey Hepburn, actress, 1/20/93, age 63
 Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court justice, 1/24/93, age 84

River Phoenix, actor, 10/31/93, age 22
 Frank Zappa, rock musician, 12/4/93, age 52
 Kurt Cobain, musician, 4/5/94, age 27
 Richard Nixon, former president, 8/22/94, age 81

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former first lady, 5/19/94, age 61
 Cab Calloway, scat singer, 11/18/94, age 87

FILM
 Spielberg's special year
 Director Steven Spielberg reaches new heights in Hollywood with two films as different as they could be. The first is the 1993 summer blockbuster "Jurassic Park," based on Michael Crichton's bestselling novel about a modern-day return of dinosaurs. In December, Spielberg premieres the haunting "Schindler's List," detailing the real-life story of Oskar Schindler, a German businessman, con man and hero who saved thousands of Jews from World War II death camps. The movie culminates a 10-year project of the heart for Spielberg and will win Academy Awards for Best Picture and for its directing in 1994.

SPORTS
 Yerrrrrrrrr outta there!
 Some of 1994's top sports stories remove players from competition. Major League Baseball players walk off the field in August after team owners threaten to impose a cap on salaries. For the first time since 1904, the World Series is canceled. The National Hockey League locks out players in a dispute over rising player salaries, even before a new season can begin. The lockout lasts almost half the season. A gown before the 1994 Winter Olympics in Norway, safety associates of figure skater Tonya Harding try to eliminate rival skater Nancy Kerrigan from competition by clubbing her on a knee in Detroit.

Site of the U.S. championships, Kerrigan recovers in time for the Olympics in February and wins a silver medal behind Oksana Baiul of Ukraine. Harding skates miserably.

TRENDS
 New in 1990
 ■ A McDonald's in Moscow
 ■ Low-calorie fat substitute (Simplesse)
 ■ FDA-approved contraceptive implant (Mirena)
 New in 1993
 ■ Legal euthanasia, in the Netherlands
 ■ Combat roles for women in the U.S. military
 New in 1994
 ■ Conclusive evidence of the existence of black holes in space
 ■ An all-female America's Cup sailing team
 ■ TV series "ER" on NBC

George Clooney of "ER."

Collaring 'The Juice'

Americans are transfixed on June 17, 1994, as network TV interrupts regular programming for a live broadcast of a white Ford Bronco carrying O.J. Simpson on a Los Angeles highway with a phalanx of police cruisers in low-speed pursuit. Simpson, football hero, movie actor and pitchman — is being sought in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ronald Goldman, 25. The two were found dead outside her townhouse in Los Angeles on June 13.

After failing to appear for an arraignment, Simpson, 46, takes flight with his friend Al Cowling. As TV helicopters hover overhead, Simpson lies in the back seat with a gun. Ninety minutes later, he is charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Oct. 6: Anita Hill, a law professor who worked for Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, contends at a Senate confirmation hearing that he made lewd suggestions to her. Thomas calls the allegations "lies" and "sleaze." He is confirmed by a 52-48 vote on Oct. 15.

Oct. 16: Former merchant seaman Georges Hennard Jr., 35, walks through a restaurant in Killeen, Texas, killing 23 people and wounding at least 20 more before turning the gun on himself.

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The trial becomes a media spectacle. Jury selection begins in September and continues through early December. The trial is set to begin in January. Nine months later, after the judges and attorneys for both sides have become household names, the jury reaches a verdict.

When it is time for the verdict to be read, Simpson and his lead attorney, Johnnie Cochran, stand as the clerk reads the verdict: not guilty on both counts. Simpson smiles and hugs Cochran. The prosecutors watch stone-faced. For the families of the victims, there are tears and looks of anguish. The killings will remain unsolved as Simpson sticks to his story.

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Gil Klein first opened his doors in Fairview Heights in 1959.



Gil Klein acquired his first delivery van in the early 1960's to better serve his loyal customers.



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In order to offer his customers a larger selection of appliances, Gil Klein moved to another location in Fairview Heights in the 1960's.



In 1958, Gil Klein opened his first shop in Shiloh. Pictured above: David Klein was eager to join his father in business even at a young age.



David joined the family business in 1974 with Doug, soon following in 1976. Pictured above: Doug, Gil and David Klein.



1995

Feb. 3: Air Force Lt. Col. Steven Collins becomes the first man to pilot a U.S. spacecraft.

March 20: A nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subway system during the morning rush hour kills 12 and injures 5,000. Police at the offices of a Japanese religious cult linked to the production of the gas, sarin.

July 10: More than 700 Nicaraguans die in a summer heat wave, with temperatures reaching 100 degrees.

Aug. 14: After a two-year legal battle with the Citadel, the military school in Charleston, S.C., Shannon Faulkner enters as the first female cadet. Five days later, she will withdraw.

Sept. 6: Cal Ripken Jr. plays his 21,313th consecutive game, breaking the record held by Lou Gehrig since 1939.

Sept. 25: Dallas billionaire Ross Perot announces plans to form the Independence Party, which later will become known as the Reform Party.

Oct. 4: Sen. Bob Packwood, Ore., resigns after a Senate inquiry into allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment.

Oct. 16: A crowd estimated at more than 800,000 turns out on the Mall in Washington for the Million Man March organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Nov. 4: As he is leaving a peace rally in Kings of Israel square, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 73, is gunned down. Yigal Amir, 25, confesses, saying traditional Jewish law supports his action. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will succeed Rabin as prime minister.

Dec. 4: The body of Adrienne Jones, 18, is found along a rural road in Grand Prairie, Texas. On Sept. 6, 1996, Diane Zamora and David Graham, a pair of honor military students, will be arrested and charged with the murder. Graham will say that he and Zamora decided to kill Jones after Graham told Zamora that he had a sexual encounter with Jones. Graham and Zamora will be convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Dec. 8: The national 55 mph speed limit law is repealed.

1996

Jan. 26: Hillary Rodham Clinton becomes the first first lady to appear before a grand jury when she testifies in the White-water real-estate case.

March 20: After a sensational trial, brothers Lyle and Erik Menendez are convicted of the 1989 killings of their wealthy parents in California. They are sentenced to life in prison.

April 3: Federal agents take exclusive Theodore Kaczynski into custody. He is suspected to be the Unabomber who, since 1978, has killed three and injured 23 with letter bombs. In 1998, Kaczynski will agree to plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence.

April 11: Jessica Dubroff, 7, is killed trying to become the youngest person to pilot a cross-country flight. Her plane crashes during a thunderstorm in Cheyenne, Wyo.

May 29: Benjamin Netanyahu is elected prime minister of Israel.

June 25: A truck bomb explodes on the edge of a military complex in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 U.S. servicemen.

July 23: With the U.S. women's gymnastics team in a drought with Russia for the gold medal, Kerri Strug lands awkwardly on her first vault and hears a pop from her ankle. With a dislocated ankle taped up, Strug courageously vaults again and

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Scandal in the White House 1998

At the start of 1998, an investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr into President Clinton's conduct — ranging from an Arkansas real estate investment to a shakeup of the White House travel office to the handling of FBI files on members of previous Republican administrations — seems headed nowhere. Then, on Jan. 21, The Washington Post discloses a sexual liaison between Clinton and a young White House intern named Monica Lewinsky. The Post suggests that Clinton sought, illegally, to cover up the affair. Suddenly, Starr's inquiry is alive again.

In the following days, denials spill forth from the White House. In one extraordinary moment, Clinton issues an angry, emphatic denial. "I want to say one thing to the American people," Clinton says, shaking his finger. "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again; I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie, not a single time. Never. These allegations are false."

As the year moves forward, it becomes clear that Clinton's denials are solidly, before lifting her limp leg and collapsing in pain. Her team goes on to win the gold.

July 27: A crudely made pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, killing one person and injuring 11 others. Security guard Richard Jewell, who at first is hailed as a hero, soon becomes a suspect. Three months later, the FBI clears Jewell's name.

Aug. 6: NASA scientists report that a meteorite originating on Mars and found in Antarctica harbors what they believe to be compelling signs of a "primitive form of microscopic life."

Nov. 5: President Clinton shows off his political skills with an impressive re-election over Republican candidate Bob Dole.

Dec. 5: President Clinton names Madeleine Albright secretary of state, making her the highest-ranking female government official in U.S. history.

Dec. 26: Jon Benet Ramsey, a 6-year-old girl who has participated in beauty pageants, is found strangled in her family home in Boulder, Colo. This begins one of the most sensational crime stories of the latter half of the century. Suspicion falls on the parents as the investigation plods on.

1997

Jan. 16: Ennis W. Cosby, the only son of comedian Bill Cosby, is fatally shot on a freeway ramp in Los Angeles.

Feb. 4: O.J. Simpson is found liable in civil court in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. A jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages and \$25 million in punitive damages.

March 26: With the Hale-Bopp comet at its closest point to Earth, 38 members of the Heaven's Gate religious cult commit suicide in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. The members believed that the comet was trailed by an alien spaceship that would take them to a higher plane of existence.

June 20: The federal government and the tobacco industry reach a historic settlement, with tobacco companies agreeing to pay \$368 billion in health-related damages over 25 years. The industry also agrees to eliminate the Marlboro Man and Joe Camel as advertising symbols.

July 1: After 156 years of colonial rule, Hong Kong is returned to China by Britain.

July 23: One of the most intense manhunt in U.S. history ends when 27-year-old Andrew Cunanan commits suicide in Miami.



Clinton



Lewinsky

Starr comes increasingly clear that something did transpire between the president and the intern. On Aug. 6, Lewinsky testifies before the grand jury in exchange for immunity from prosecution. And on Aug. 17, Clinton

testifies — on a closed-circuit video link between the White House and the grand jury room.

Later that day, he admits: "I did have a relationship with Lewinsky that was not appropriate. It constituted a critical lapse of judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible. ... I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that." He also lashes out at the independent counsel.

Starr submits a report to the House on Sept. 9. Two days later, the House makes the report, with all its salacious details, public. On Oct. 8, the House approves an impeachment investigation. Starr makes his case before the House Judiciary Committee on Nov. 19, and on Dec. 8, White House lawyers present the president's defense. On Dec. 19, the House, largely divided along party lines, votes to impeach Clinton. It is only the second time in U.S. history that a president has been impeached.

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THE WORLD MOURNS

Candle in the wind

TV viewers are jolted when a report interrupts programming on Aug. 30, 1997. Somber news anchors confirm that Princess Diana, 36, has been in an automobile accident in Paris. Within hours, officials confirm that she is dead. A chauffeur-driven Mercedes-Benz carrying Diana and romantic companion Dodi Fayed is followed into a tunnel by photographers on motorcycles. Traveling at least 60 mph, the car goes out of control and hits a wall. Killed with Diana are Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul. Bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones is critically injured.

A week later, millions of Americans rise before dawn to watch Diana's regal funeral on TV. In a deeply moving service, Prime Minister Tony Blair reads from the Bible. Elton John sings a new rendition of "Candle in the Wind," and Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, delivers a passionate eulogy.

Goodbye to a saint

Mother Teresa, the nun who dedicated her life to helping the sick and destitute of India, dies of a heart attack at age 87 on Sept. 5, 1997. Born in Albania and raised in India, Mother Teresa entered the order of the Irish Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and taught high school in Calcutta. In 1946, she dedicated her life to helping the impoverished, founding the Order of Missionaries of Charity in 1948. The order would open 600 missions in more than 100 countries. Mother Teresa's work earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and the admiration of millions around the world.

Tragedy revisits Camelot At dusk on July 16, 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr. pilots a small plane from New Jersey. With him are his wife, Carolyn Bessette, and her sister, Lauren. The plane never arrives at Martha's Vineyard, and the next morning, the Coast Guard and Navy begin a search that will last five days. On Sept. 21, the three bodies are located on the ocean floor, still inside the single-engine plane. In a private service aboard a Navy ship, ashes of the three are buried at sea.

Deaths

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, mother of John F. Kennedy, 1/22/95, age 104
Selenia Quintanilla Perez, singer, 3/31/95, age 23
Howard Cosell, sports broadcaster, 4/23/95, age 77
Ginger Rogers, actress/dancer, 4/25/95, age 83
Jerry Garcia, singer, 8/9/95, age 53
Gene Kelly, actor/dancer, 2/2/96, Calif., age 83
George Burns, actor/comedian, 4/22/96, age 69
Ella Fitzgerald, singer, 8/15/96, age 78
Tupac Shakur, rapper, 25, 9/13/96, age 25
Carl Sagan, astronomer, 12/20/96, age 82
Notorious B.I.G., rapper, 3/9/97, age 24
Jacques Cousteau, underwater explorer, 9/25/97, age 87
Henry Blandford, actor, 7/2/97, age 89
Charles Kuralt, broadcast journalist, 7/4/97, age 82
John Denver, singer/songwriter, 10/12/97, age 53
Chris Farley, comedian, 12/18/97, age 33
Sonny Bono, congressman and former entertainer, 4/5/98, age 35
Frank Sinatra, singer, 5/14/98, age 82
Roy Rogers, cowboy actor/singer, 7/5/98, age 86
Florence Griffith Joyner, Olympic sprinter, 9/21/98, age 38
Gene Siskel, film critic, 2/20/99, age 53
Stanley Kubrick, film director, 3/7/99, age 70
Joe DiMaggio, baseball giant, 3/8/99, age 84
George C. Scott, actor, 9/22/99, age 71
Walt Chamberlain, basketball player, 10/12/99, age 36
Walter Payton, football player, 11/3/99, age 45

'90s come to bloody close

usually coldblooded executions. The killer typically sees himself as a victim of injustice who wants to get even."

As the decade closes, the body count mounts.

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Katie Crojan (left) and Lauren Beuchner give for fallen classmates in Littleton, Colo.

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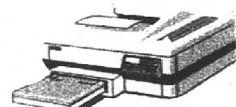
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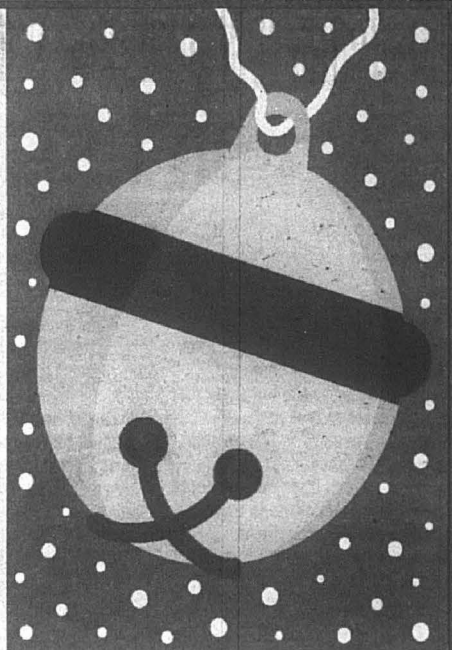
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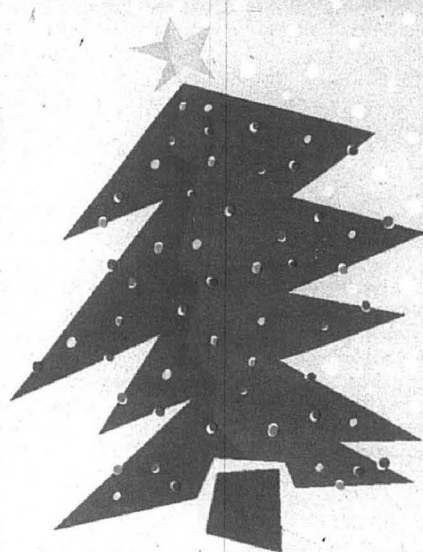
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Pokemon tops list of toys this Christmas

By Larry Ingram
Staff writer

Pokemon toys rank high on children's Christmas wish lists. Pokemon toys are already in high demand.

"That's going to be the big thing for kids 5 to 10 years old," said Edwardsville Target Toy Department Manager Laura Wood.

Wood said Metro East Target stores advertised Pokemon cards in their Nov. 7 weekend advertisement.

"We started with 1,000 (of the cards)," Wood said. "They were gone by Monday afternoon (Nov. 8). And there's even a limit of three per person."

The Pokemon line of toys for children has expanded since there were first introduced

"It started with the Gameboy game,"

Wood said. "Now we have Pokemon board games, Pokeballs, Pokemon cards."

Wood said that one of the goals for Target was to bring out toys that were more geared toward educating children.

Target has a whole row of Discovery Channel merchandise.

"It's got a lot more learning and imagination than regular toys," Wood said of the Discovery Channel toys. The Discovery Channel line includes a Wildlife series of stuffed animals. There is Kazir, the Bengal tiger; Sabah, the king cobra; and Umtolo, the black rhino.

Target also has the Little Tree Imagination section of toys.

"This is the kind of toy that they carry at Once Upon a Toy," Wood said. "It's more educational."

Meanwhile, the manager at Once Upon a Toy, Shawnta Ray, in Edwardsville says one of their big sellers this year will be the California Chariot.

The California Chariot is a tricycle of sorts with a front wheel and two skateboard-type rear wheels. The vehicle is propelled in the same way as a skateboard, but get more stability because of the double skateboard set up for the two rear wheels.

"You can really get into some of the trickster stuff with it," Ray said. "The smaller one is for kids up to 6. The larger one is for age 7 and up."

Ray said the California Chariot will soon come out with a bigger tricycle for older adult kids who have not grown up.

Ray is also looking to sell many of the Music Blocks. The Music Blocks

use music blocks with musical recordings to play different musical themes. Some of the sounds available are the sounds of an orchestra, Mozart and rhythms of the world.

"It's been such a big seller," Ray said. "We've been flying through them."

Metro East Hasbro merchandiser Sara Gilbert said Furbies are popular, but in as high demand as they were last year.

"We just got a Santa Furby in," Wood said. "We have some baby Furbies. Those are popular, too."

Wood said many parents are planning early and leaving nothing to chance this year.

"We already have parents who have already come in and bought their things for Christmas."

Pokeman craze is latest to infect American children

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

You've just overheard your child offering to trade an uncommon Articuno plus two energy cards for a rare holographic Raichu.

Are they teaching a new language at school? Has she been abducted by aliens? Is she joining some strange subculture?

Nope. It's only the Pokemon Fever sweeping the pre-teen set.

In case you've missed it, Pokemon, short for pocket monster, is the latest craze to infect young Americans.

Created in Japan about five years ago, the strange little creatures invaded U.S. shores at the beginning of this year. And the fad has started a wave of excitement stretching the bounds of marketing.

Children skipped school last week for the opening of a Pokemon feature-length film.

And the nation's Burger King restaurants are being embarrassed by a shortage of Pokemon toys to give away in kid's meals.

Some schools are banning the little creatures from campuses, and youths are having to guard Pokemon trading cards and hand-held games, while coming up with creative ways to fund their Pokemon habit.

A recent visit to Edwardsville Middle School at lunchtime revealed an outbreak of the fever. Groups of students were easy to spot with three-ring binders filled with the trading cards.

Andy Smith, a sixth-grader from Alhambra, said he's got about \$200 invested in a Pokemon card collection.

"I don't bring all my cards to school though. I just bring a few in my pocket, and only take them out to trade," he said. Smith said he uses his allowance, or just asks his par-

ents for extra money to buy the cards.

Another sixth-grader, Krista Salanti, said she's spent a lot of money on the cards and enjoys visiting area shops to buy the cards.

"I have a lot of cards, but I don't bring them to school a lot, because people steal them," she said. "A lot of people steal them because they want them so bad."

Officials at the school say the fad hasn't been much of a problem at the school so far. School Resource Officer Doug Renth said he's heard of a few instances of stolen cards.

"Whenever I see a large group of kids, it's because they're trading Pokemon," he said. "The only thing that's come up is that one kid said he had a couple of cards were stolen, but it hasn't been a problem."

Principal John Dean said, "Our deal is that if something interferes with the education process, then it's not allowed at school, but we've not had any problems with kids trading (the cards)."

The youngsters eagerly defended their hobby though.

"I think I know a good thing about Pokemon cards," 11-year-old Bryan Crites said.

"They teach kids about business skills-trading and selling," he said.

Krista Salanti agreed. "And

it teaches reading skills, and strategy. You find out about attacks. It teaches you responsibility and business when you learn what kind of trading."

In case youngsters in your household have caught the Pokemon Flu, here's a Primer to help you sort out the strange language. Hopefully, you'll also have a better understanding of your little darling's attraction to the creatures.

The basic idea of Pokemon

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By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

With plans to serve between 600-700 families and 1,100 to 1,500 children during Christmas, and then continue it's operation throughout the rest of the year, The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County needs help.

This year's kettle drive was set to begin Nov. 15 at various locations throughout the area.

The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County serves the Tri-City (Granite City, Madison and Venice), Collinsville, Edwardsville and Highland areas.

Although active all the time, they get most of their exposure and operating budgets during the Christmas season.

This year, The Salvation Army's total fund-raising goal is \$211,000, an increase of about \$8,000 over last year's goal. Of that, about \$137,000 is expected to come from the kettles.

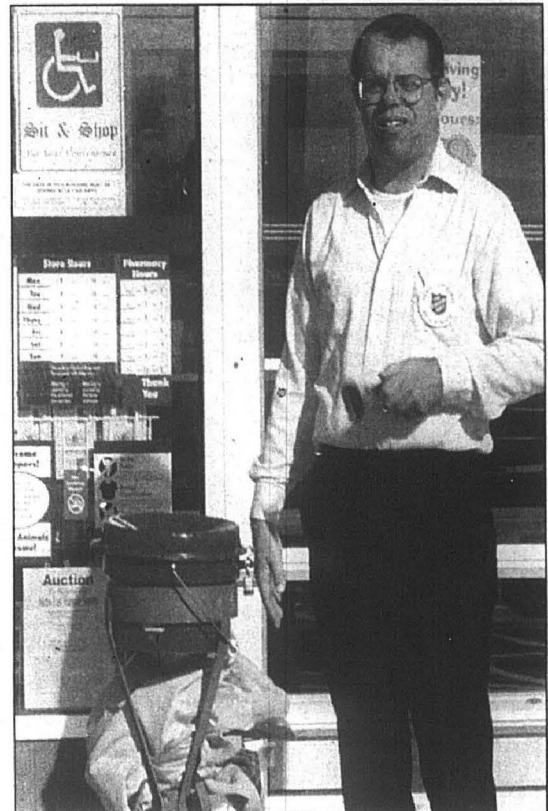
"It's the one time of the year when The Salvation Army goes out to the public," said Capt. Benjamin Stillwell. "Traditionally this is when people remember us and think of us."

Kettles will be manned

throughout southwestern Madison County from 9 a.m. to

"It's the one time of the year when The Salvation Army goes out to the public."

Capt. Benjamin Stillwell
Salvation Army



Roger Moose of Collinsville collects for the Salvaton Army.

9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas days. If necessary, they will continue ringing until Dec. 31.

They are also seeking bell-ringers, both volunteer and paid. There are two shifts at each kettle, from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It's much better for us to have volunteers," he said. "But as a part-time seasonal job, it is very good for college stu-

dents or people on limited income."

In addition to bell-ringing, The Salvation Army also has its food basket and Angel Tree program.

Stillwell said agencies in Madison County try to coordinate so they don't duplicate efforts.

"It's not that there is somebody who is going to be without, but occasionally there are a handful of folks who will be abusers," Stillwell said.

In polite terms, they try to "maximize their efforts" by obtaining food and other items at different locations.

Stillwell said there was a "great deal" of cooperation. "It appears to work on this side of the river the way it is supposed to," he said.

Basket and toy distribution will be from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22 and 23. The Salvation Army will also serve a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 24 and a senior citizens meal today, Thursday. Both meals will be at noon.

Basket sign-up and other programs will be at the Corps Community Center, 3007 E. 23rd St., Granite City.

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Food, toy drives striving to make Christmas brighter

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Christmas brings out the best in people, and many groups count on that this time of year.

Food pantries, service clubs, churches and school groups are collecting toys, food and winter clothing that could help make the holidays brighter for area families. And every one of the organizations could use willing hands and a few hours of volunteer time to help make their projects a success.

Salvation Army centers in Alton, Granite City, East St. Louis and Belleville are in need of non-perishable food items, new toys, coats, hats and gloves or mittens.

Capt. Ben Stillwell, of The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County, said there are several ways the public can get involved in helping others.

"Of course, we have our Angel Trees at various locations like K-Marts and Wal-Marts," Stillwell said.

"It's a specific opportunity to make Christmas very personalized."

An "Angel" card that has a code identifying a specific child is picked from a Christmas Tree. The card lists items like a toy, a compact disc or an item of clothing that the child wants.

"They're able to get that infor-

mation from the location, and oftentimes purchase that item right there," he said.

"And then we make sure we get that item to the child."

Stillwell said they are also collecting canned goods, clothing, toys, and even cash donations at their location on East 23rd Street in Granite City. Last year, about 1,200 children and 700 different families were helped in the Granite City area.

People are needed to help serve holiday meals and help distribute food and toy baskets to needy families. They even have an "Adopt-a-Kettle" program where families, groups and individuals can ring the bell at the familiar red buckets to help raise money for the programs.

Stillwell said that anyone interested in volunteering or donating items could call the Granite City office at 451-7957 for more information.

Other Salvation Army units can be contacted in Alton, East St. Louis, and Belleville.

In Belleville, Mayor Mark Kern's office held a Gifts from the Heart party for the third year. Admission to the party was an unwrapped toy or \$20 cash donation. The toys and money are used to help area needy families at Christmas time.

Those in attendance at the mayor's party received free bev-



Students at Renfro School in Collinsville collected more than 2,700 canned goods last year, stocking 30 food baskets and providing 500 cans for the Salvation Army.

erages and got to sample foods from about 16 area restaurants.

Last year's party raised more than \$6,000 and collected over 350 toys, said Vicki Dawe, the mayor's administrative assistant.

"We got the names from the different schools, and more than

200 children were given toys and clothing," she said.

The Ministerial Association in Collinsville has been providing food baskets and toys to about 200 families in Collinsville each year, said the Rev. Dennis Johnson.

"We give out a couple of boxes

and a couple of sacks of food, canned goods and fresh produce," he said.

Johnson is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Collinsville, and serves as treasurer for the ministerial associa-

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Museums offer a look at Christmases past

By April Calvin
Staff writer

As the holiday season approaches, the decorations go up around the area.

In Collinsville and Edwardsville, local museums will bring out their Christmas best. Elsewhere, cities will stage their own displays.

The City of Belleville will trim its light poles and the city's Exchange Club will ornament the fountain in Public Square. Museums in Edwardsville and Collinsville also offer Christmas displays incorporating local history.

Belleville, which boasts the longest Main Street in the country, will decorate light poles east and west along Main Street and north and south along Illinois Street.

This year, Belleville is including more than 40 new decorations in three designs. Santa Claus, stockings, and snowmen join the 120

snowflakes Belleville has been putting up for years.

"We are replacing the old decorations as monies are available to get new decorations," said Fred Thompson, Belleville's superintendent of streets. The extra ornaments will enable the city to decorate additional light poles.

"We'll be working with Illinois Power to get power for those poles," said Thompson.

The Exchange Club of Belleville has spruced up the square in Yuletide style since 1975 and remains in charge of decking the fountain.

"This year, they're having everything redone and repainted," said Exchange Club member and past president Adam Wondolowski.

"We are a community service-oriented club," said club president Don Muskopf, "One of the primary functions is the prevention of child abuse."

The Exchange Club was

formed in 1946 and helps to support numerous causes, including Meals on Wheels, Junior Achievement, the teen center, Women's Crisis Center, and a Sunset Special event for nursing home residents.

In Edwardsville, the Madison County Historical Museum will put up its Christmas display by Dec. 1 to be ready for an open house Dec. 5.

Admission to the display is free, though donations are gratefully accepted.

"All the rooms of the house will have some greenery," said Maxine Hogue, curator of collections.

"We always have a pioneer tree. There will also be a Victorian tree in the parlor."

"We have some great toys."

The museum also has a research library on the upper floor, offering aid to a growing number of genealogists. The museum is housed in the Weir House, a Federal style building built in 1836, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

According to museum director Suzanne Dietrich, it is the second-oldest brick building in Edwardsville.

The Collinsville History Museum, in the basement of the Collinsville Memorial Library, will feature a traditional Christmas exhibit with tree, wreath, and toys.

"In Germany and Poland, they made the artificial trees out of goose quills," said museum curator Floyd Sperno. The museum's tree is a 125-year-old handmade Polish piece.

Bread dough ornaments more than 20 years old will deck the tree, along with brown beeswax candles in brass candleholders.

"Our best customers are children, and that's why we cater our Christmas displays to children," Sperno said.

The Collinsville History Museum was founded in 1976, but can trace its origins back to its first settler, John Cook, who built his cabin in 1810.

"We are fortunate in being a very small museum that can go back to the very beginning of our town," said Sperno.

"All the rooms of the house will have some greenery," said Maxine Hogue, curator of collections. "We always have a pioneer tree. There will also be a Victorian tree in the parlor."

Maxine Hogue
Curator

Drives help poor at Christmas

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tion.

He said food is given out a week before Christmas and the families come back a few days later to "shop" for toys for the children in the household.

Boxes and barrels will begin appearing around Collinsville for donations of food and toys, but the association also needs cash donations.

"We need money, that's the biggest need, because we do try

to find toys for every age group. So as toys come in we see what's missing and go and buy them."

Johnson said there are a few items they are not looking for.

"We don't need stuffed animals. They're a dime a dozen, and every kid has enough of them to line their walls with them," he said. "Match Box cars don't go over well for some reason. And then of course we don't like to get toy guns or anything like that."

Johnson said anyone interested in donating cash or items, or volunteering for any of the collection or distribution projects, can call the church office at 344-1109.

Another Collinsville church is pitching in, too. The Rev. Sedrick Cooper of New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church said his small congregation is looking to make a difference in the community.

"Christmas should be special for every child and that's what we're attempting to do. Right now, we're very preliminary in our plans. The thing is that we're trying to do a toy drive for the children of the Collinsville area. We're a small church, and what we need is help with advertising. Right now we're looking to begin receiving donations as soon as possible."

Anyone with a donation can call 344-2257. Items can be brought to the church at 307 Goethe Ave., Collinsville.

In Fairview Heights, Mayor Gail Mitchell's office, Caseyville Township Office and the Elks Club provide food baskets and toys to needy residents.

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Festival of Trees gives back to community

6th annual event set for Dec. 1 in Collinsville

By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

The sixth annual Festival of Trees is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Gateway Convention Center.

When the concept for the festival was created, Vic Betta, board member, said Gateway Center Board members were trying to find a way to give back to the community.

After their fifth anniversary, the Gateway Center Board members decided a fund raiser for the community that has helped them would be a wonderful way to show their appreciation.

"We were trying to find a way to thank the people who use or have used the center to help make it so successful," Betta said.

Each year, there is one not-for-profit community organization chosen to receive the proceeds from the festival.

In previous years, the recipients were the YMCA, Humane Society, Optimists Club and the Rotary Club. This year, the Junior Service Club has been chosen to receive the money generated from the event.

Last year, the proceeds from the event totaled between \$13,000 to \$14,000, which was given to the Rotary Club.

Donna Grotefendt, Pat Tottleben and Paula Waneous of the Junior Service Club have been busy planning the decorations for the event.

Grotefendt said the Center plans the food, entertainment and the guest list, while they do all the leg work for the evening.

"We are in charge of picking out the trees, buying the wreaths, and finding volunteers to decorate them," Grotefendt said.

"And the day after the event, we are responsible for delivering the trees to the organizations or people who bought a tree."

By Nov. 5, various organizations and companies from the area had sponsored 40 trees.

Each company is given the opportunity to create their own theme for the tree.

In past years, companies have used their imagination and decorated trees with used compact discs, Mark McGwire photos and memorabilia and certificates from their business.

Approximately 95 to 100 wreaths have been sold. The

wreaths will be a part of the silent auction that will occur that night, along with the trees that did not win prizes. The first, second, third, honorable mention and grand prize winners will have their trees auctioned that night in front of the crowd.

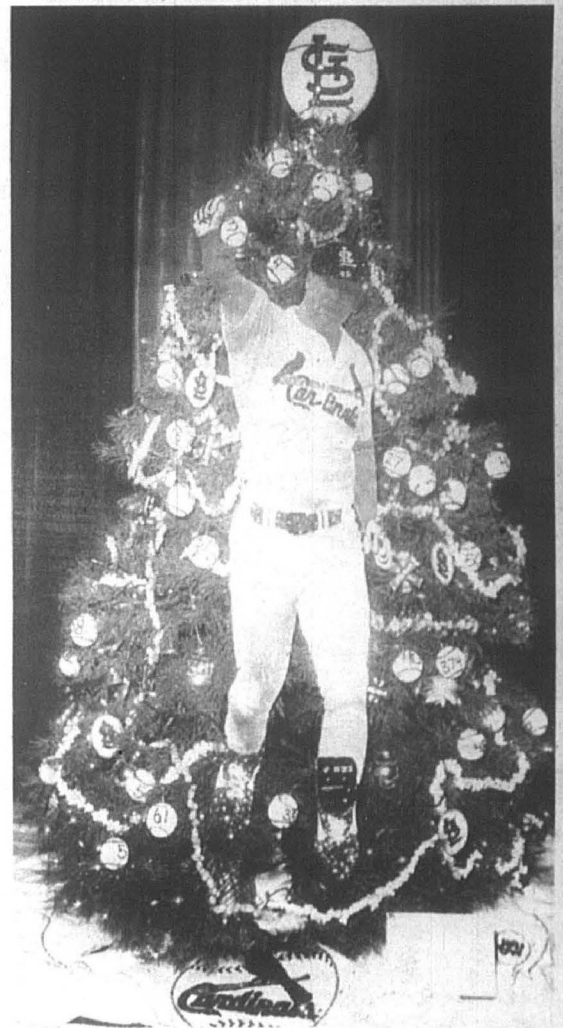
Betta said the event started including the wreath auction to offer the guests something different to bid to take home.

Betta said, "Instead of spending \$200 to \$300 for a tree, someone could buy a decorated wreath for somewhere between \$35 and \$100."

"We were trying to find a way to thank the people who use or have used the center to help make it so successful."

Vic Betta
Board member

Everyone who comes to the festival is also asked to bring a canned food item or a new toy for the Collinsville Area Ministerial Association.



A Mark McGwire figure decorates a Christmas tree in last year's Festival of Trees.

Holiday memories show value of family

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Christmas memories of the residents of the Caseyville Nursing and Rehab Center prove that what really matters about Christmas has always been the moments the family spends together celebrating.

For Amelia Kebel, one of nine children growing up on a farm north of Mascoutah, her first recollection of the family

Christmas tree was the candles used to light the tree on Christmas Eve.

"Later, when I was older, we had electric lights," she said. "But when I was very young, we had candles on the tree."

For Amelia, 99, the family's holiday tradition centered on a large Christmas dinner.

"Because we lived on a farm, we would have goose, duck or turkey," she said. "We

also had sweet potatoes, regular potatoes, dressing and homemade pumpkin and cranberry pie. It was always a great meal we had together."

Gertrude Rupprecht, 90, also remembers the candles on the Christmas tree. As the youngest of seven children growing up in Caseyville, Christmas also included treats that were not available at other times of the year.

"There wasn't a lot of

money and not a lot of presents," she said. "We always had a bowl of mixed nuts in the shell and fruit and we really enjoyed it. You couldn't just go out and buy nuts and fruit at the grocery store any time of the year back then."

On Christmas Eve, she participated along with other children of the Caseyville Methodist Church in a yearly Christmas program at the Union Chapel. Sometimes, the family would take a trip to downtown St. Louis to see the Christmas decorations in the windows.

"We also had a Christmas dinner and my mother would always bake cut-out Christmas cookies with icing and decorations and fruit cake," she said.

Later, when Gertrude had married and had children of her own, she too made cookies with decorations.

"One year, we decided to hang them on the Christmas tree," she said. "And a mouse ate them."

Ellen Showers, who grew up

one of four children in East St. Louis, remembers one Christmas when she asked for a violin.

"I remember the year I got a violin for Christmas," she said. "It was 1922 and I was 10-years-old. We didn't get a lot of presents, but that was one I remembered."

When she graduated from Holy Angels School five years later, she played a farewell song on the violin.

She also recalled the torment of waiting to open packages that arrived before Christmas from relatives in Chicago.

"We would have to wait to open them," she said. "One year, I stayed up listening and my parents knew I was listening. We had stockings that were filled with candy and they said they were going to put coal in my stocking. But, they didn't, I got candy."

Paul Bruell, 87, was raised with three brothers in Muncie,

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Pokemon is latest American craze

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is that three youngsters use hand-held devices to hunt down and collect various pocket monsters with names like Pikachu, Blastoise, Venusaur and Charizard. (Don't feel bad if at first you have trouble figuring out how to pronounce the little critters.)

At present, there are 151 Pokemon creatures. As their captors train them, they gain power and evolve into better soldiers to fight evil in the world.

The most popular Pokemon toys are the trading cards and the Nintendo Game Boy games, of which there are three versions: red, yellow and blue. Each version of the game includes different characters, and the games can be connected so that youngsters can work with or against each other for superiority.

Kyle Claxton, owner of Kyle's Baseball Cards and Comics in Granite City and Edwardsville, has seen a boon to his businesses because of the Pokemon craze. Claxton said young kids love to buy and trade the cards, or use them to play the basic Pokemon game.

"If they wanted to play the game, there's the two-player starter deck, with two 30-card decks, a rule book, and counters for keeping score." That sells for about \$15, he said.

For collectors, they can start with the game decks, and then buy booster sets for about \$6, to add to their collection. A booster set contains 11 cards, Claxton said. There are seven common cards, three uncommon cards and one rare card

in the set.

Some rare, first-edition cards list for upwards of \$100 in published price catalogues and on local store shelves.

Ben Farnsworth, owner of Goodsports Sports Cards and Memorabilia in Edwardsville, said business has been good since opening his shop earlier this year.

"Prices are above suggested retail price because wholesaler's just don't have them available," he said. "Kids that were spending their money on McGuire and Sosa are spending their money on (Pokemon) right now."

He said specialty cards called "holographic" or "hologram" sell for \$10 for an unlimited card or up to \$50 for a limited edition.

"Charizard—he's the most popular, kind of like with baseball, because people want him," Farnsworth said. "In the unlimited it goes for around \$50. In the first edition, which is even more rare, it goes for

around \$200."

Farnsworth said that the craze is popular with both boys and girls from about 4 to 14-years-old. And the youngsters are the experts on explaining Pokemon.

"There are kids that come in here that know everything about it," he said.

Farnsworth said besides cards and video games, there are a lot of other items available just in time for Christmas shopping. He said there are binders, stickers, dog tags, stuffed animals, hats, clothing and jewelry.

He is pleased that the Pokemon Fever struck just about the same time he opened his new shop.

"I knew Pokemon was popular, and I decided to carry a little bit," he said. "Then I saw how popular it was, and the supply is not real easy to get hold of."

"But I have almost every American item available," he said.



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Non-traditional ornaments provide different look

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Peggy Nickles, a grandmother of two and crafty lady who resides in Granite City, has ventured away from traditional Christmas tree decorations to create new, unique ornaments that she said evokes warm, special memories of her family's past.

"Christmas is all about family," Nickles said. "The ornaments I make are a reflection of family traditions or events or they have a personal relationship with a family member."

Nickles' creations are simple, yet clever. She takes small family heirlooms, keepsakes and collectibles, stringing them to the tree so that generations of memories can

dangle in the Christmas spirit.

"They're treasures from the heart worth millions in love," Nickles said. "They're like pieces of history and every family has them stored somewhere."

Several ornaments that will be displayed on Nickles' tree this year will include her father's pocket watch and harmonica, one of her mother's hair rollers and one of her grandson's mittens. To Nickles they are more important and precious than any present tucked under a tree.

"The material things are a lot different from what I string. They can be replaced. These sentimental objects cannot be replaced," Nickles said.

Besides the ornaments, Nickles has used her ingenuity to capture the bliss of

Christmas in another way.

Each year during the holiday season, she displays her mother's fine china or other cherished keepsakes in different areas of her home. When family gathers, she says, aunts, uncles and grandchildren often inquire about the heirlooms, bringing about hours of heartwarming conversation.

"Sometimes they bring tears. Sometimes they bring laughter," Nickles said.

Nickles, who has a vast collection of tea pots, handkerchiefs and vintage linen, has been dallying in the art of keepsakes the past 10 years. Her talents have enabled her to create ingenious crafts for friends and the public by using baby bonnets, medals, pipes, pictures, toys and heirlooms and other family memorabilia.

"Imagination is the key," Nickles said. "The results are heartwarming and often stunning."

Nickles' works are admired by many. By request, she travels throughout the country to speak about the art of creating heirlooms and has appeared as a guest speaker on Homekeepers, a syndicated television program based out of Florida. In August, an article about her luncheon on tea pots, laces, roses and tea experiences was written in Victoria Magazine.



Peggy Nickles places her family keepsakes on her tree.

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Santa ready for Christmas lists, photos

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

It may be sunny and unsea-

sonably warm, but make no mistake about it - Santa and his helpers are arriving.

In Troy, Santa will arrive

on Dec. 4. He will make his grand entrance on a fire truck ride through neighborhoods from 8 a.m. to noon. From noon to 1:30 p.m., he will be guest of honor lunch at the Tri-Township Library, 209 S. Main, Troy.

From 2 to 6 p.m., Santa will be ready for Christmas lists and photos at the Santa house on Illinois 162/Edwardsville Road.

At St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights, Santa's holiday residence is in his newly remodeled quarters in the center court in front of J.C. Penneys. Holiday hours are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 26.

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Fri.	Seafood Buffet Lunch	\$5.95
	Dinner	\$6.95
Sat.	16 Oz. Porterhouse	\$10.95
	or Roast Beef	\$7.95

Lighting contests spice up holidays

By Wade Albery
Staff writer

Caseyville and Collinsville are among many Metro East communities that really light up in December.

Both sponsor annual contests that allow their residents to go compete to see who can come up with the best outdoor Christmas displays.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors Caseyville's contest.

"Everyone needs to be signed up by Dec. 8 at the Caseyville Pharmacy or the UMB Bank," said Caseyville Chamber of Commerce President Peggy Kiemel.

The contest is judged from Dec. 14 to 17.

"We run the contest for three days because we found that when we did all the judging in one day some people were only turning their lights on the day we were judging," Kiemel said.

The contest is open to anyone in the Caseyville zip code of 62232.

The contest is open to residents and businesses.

The following awards are given: first place, \$100; second place, \$50, and third place, \$25, and five honorable mentions, \$10. No one is allowed to win first place two years in a

row.

Kiemel said there is usually a good turn out, with an average of 20 entries.

"We see more houses on the way to judging that are better than some of the entries," Kiemel said. "If they would enter the contest they could probably win something. It entices the community to get involved and dress things up for the holidays."

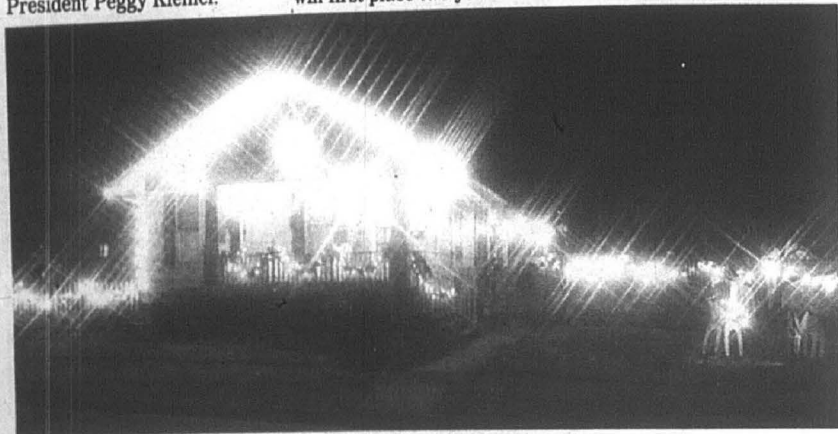
For more information, call Peggy Kiemel at 346-1476 or Jim Eisele at 345-0188.

The Collinsville Progress sponsors a light contest in Collinsville. There are separate contests for businesses

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Seniors remember special Christmases of the past

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

Christmas memories of the residents of the Caseyville Nursing and Rehab Center prove that what really matters about Christmas has always been the moments the family spends together celebrating.

For Amelia Keibel, one of nine children growing up on a farm north of Mascoutah, her first recollection of the family Christmas tree was the candles used to light the tree on Christmas Eve.

"Later, when I was older, we had electric lights," she said.

"But when I was very young, we had candles on the tree."

For Amelia, 99, the family's holiday tradition centered on a large Christmas dinner.

"Because we lived on a farm, we would have goose, duck or turkey," she said. "We also had sweet potatoes, regular potatoes, dressing and homemade pumpkin and cranberry pie. It was always a great meal we had together."

Gertrude Rupprecht, 90, also remembers the candles on the Christmas tree. As the youngest of seven children growing up in Caseyville, Christmas also included treats that were not

available at other times of the year.

"There wasn't a lot of money and not a lot of presents," she said. "We always had a bowl of mixed nuts in the shell and fruit and we really enjoyed it. You couldn't just go out and buy nuts and fruit at the grocery store any time of the year back then."

On Christmas Eve, she participated along with other children of the Caseyville Methodist Church in a yearly Christmas program at the Union Chapel. Sometimes, the family would take a trip to downtown St. Louis to see the Christmas decorations in the windows.

"We also had a Christmas dinner and my mother would always bake cut-out Christmas cookies with icing and decorations and fruitcake," she said.

Later, when Gertrude had married and had children of her own, she too made cookies with decorations.

"One year, we decided to hang them on the Christmas tree," she said. "And a mouse ate them."

Ellen Showers, who grew up

one of four children in East St. Louis, remembers one Christmas when she asked for a violin.

"I remember the year I got a violin for Christmas," she said. "It was 1922 and I was 10-years-old. We didn't get a lot of presents, but that was one I remembered."

When she graduated from Holy Angels School five years later, she played a farewell song on the violin.

She also recalled the torment of waiting to open packages that arrived before Christmas from relatives in Chicago.

"We would have to wait to open them," she said. "One year, I stayed up listening and my parents knew I was listening. We had stockings that were filled with candy and they said they were going to put coal in my stocking. But, they didn't, I got candy."

Paul Bruell, 87, was raised with three brothers in Muncie, Ind. He recalled plenty of baked goods for the holidays.

"We were in the baking business - breads, rolls, sweet rolls

and cakes," he said. "I would help fry doughnuts."

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He remembered one year when he received a basketball for Christmas.

"Across the street was a vacant lot with a basketball goal," he said. "My brother, who received a bathrobe, played basketball in his new robe. It was usually cold and snowy at Christmas, but that year it was a good day."

What has changed about Christmas, he said without hesitation, is the hype.

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You start hearing about Christmas after July 4," he said. "I think families still get together and that's an important part of the holiday. Seems like that's what you remember."

Memories make holidays special

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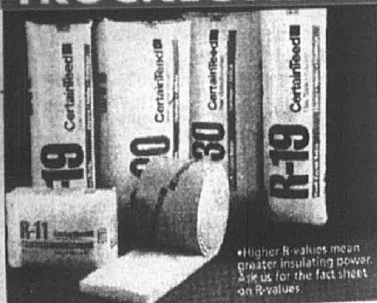
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